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FRENCH AIR TRAGEDY

GOVERNOR GENERAL AND PARTY PERISH

Pilot Loses Control In Sandstorm

PLANE SHATTERED TO FRAGMENTS

Paris, To-day.

The relief caused by the news that M. Edouard Renard, Governor-General of French Equatorial Africa had been found safe near Mirmongo in the Belgian Congo turned to dismay yesterday with the arrival of an official report stating that he, his wife, and their five companions are all dead.

The party disappeared on Friday while making a tour of inspection in the Lake Chad region. Their bodies were found beside the wreckage of their plane, which was shattered to fragments, having apparently struck the ground with great force.

It is believed that the pilot lost control of the machine in a sandstorm. — Reuter.

It was reported in Paris on Sunday from Fort Lamy, French Equatorial Africa, that the plane in which M. Edouard Renard, Governor of French Equatorial Africa, with his wife and five other persons, which has been missing since Friday, had landed safely at Mirmongo in fog.

CONSULTATIONS ON GERMANY'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Debate To-morrow In House Of Commons

AMBASSADORS' MEETINGS IN LONDON

London, To-day.

The situation created by the German Government's announcement last Saturday of their intention to introduce conscription, and by subsequent developments, is likely to be fully discussed in the course of the debate on foreign affairs which has been arranged for Thursday in the House of Commons.

Meanwhile, consultation between the British, French and Italian Governments continues through diplomatic channels.

Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, received a visit from the French Ambassador, M. Charles Corbin, yesterday morning and again in the afternoon. He also saw the Italian Ambassador, Signor Dino Grandi and Sir George Clerk, the British Ambassador at Paris, who is temporarily in London, while Mr. Anthony Eden, the Lord Privy Seal, received a call from the Russian Ambassador, M. I. M. Maisky. — British Wireless Service.

BURNLEY BEATEN AT HOME BY HULL

London, To-day. — In the only Second Division soccer game played yesterday, Burnley, who reached the last four in the Cup, were surprisingly defeated at home by Hull City by 3 goals to 1. As a result they have been displaced by Hull in the League table. — Reuter. (Table on Page 5)



Lt. Commander Herbert V. Wiley, Commander of the United States dirigible Macon on its last flight, was rescued when the Macon's sister-ship Akron sank in the Atlantic off Barnegat, New Jersey, and in this latest air disaster, he was again rescued with 80 of the officers and crew who served under him. Two members of the Macon's crew were reported drowned.

SECOND RED DRIVE INTO S. SZECHUN

Peiping Area Troops Sent To Oppose

MOVE MEANT TO PLACATE JAPANESE?

(From Our Own Correspondent) Canton, To-day.

To cope with the second Communist drive into Southern Szechuen, General Chiang Kai-shek, Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission, has ordered the North-eastern troops in Hopei (formerly Chihli) province to proceed to Szechuen, according to intelligence reports.

Apart from using the North-eastern troops to fight the Reds, General Chiang Kai-shek wants to appease the Japanese who are opposed to the presence of the North-eastern troops in the Peiping area. When these forces are transferred to Szechuen, the Peiping area will become a demilitarised zone.

General Chang Hsueh-liang is the commanding officer of these troops. He has never been popular with the Japanese, as he is believed to be connected with the volunteer movements in Manchuria. General Chang is the executive officer of the Anti-Communist command, with headquarters at Hankow.

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SIGN-BOARDS DAMAGED

For stealing gold-leaf from the sign-boards of the Wo Ping, Tung On, and Kwong Sing Tai firms in Wing On Street, and, alternatively, for damaging the sign-boards, Mak Wing, 21-year-old unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. L. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court this morning.



Sir Malcolm Campbell, the British speed king, is expected to make another attempt to-day to reach 200 miles an hour in his car, "Bluebird", at Daytona Beach. To-day will see the latest trial of the first half-year, with in consequence, the largest possible area of firm sand exposed.

GERMAN AIR STRENGTH SUPERIORITY

SIR PHILIP SASSOON REFUTES EXAGGERATED REPORTS

BRITISH PROGRAMME FOR DEFENCE ONLY

London, To-day.

A feature of the debate on the air estimates in the House of Commons yesterday was the speech of Mr. Winston Churchill, who claimed that last November Britain and Germany were virtually equal in air strength and that since then the British position had become worse.

Germany, he said, had now a minimum of 600 first-line aeroplanes and the possible addition to German military aircraft for 1935-6 would be 1,500. The British programme was most inadequate.

We had entered a period of the gravest peril, he said, and were faced with something very like the possibility of a resumption of the war which ended in 1918, but he still hoped and believed it might be averted.

Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, in reply, said that, according to the Government's latest information, we had every reason to think that we were still stronger than Germany aerially, though the situation had deteriorated to a certain extent.

Since last November there had been a greater acceleration in German manufacture of aircraft, but, nevertheless, he considered that at the end of the year, we would still have a narrow margin of superiority.

He emphasised that the British programme was a defensive one, capable of increase or decrease as the emergency required.

The Government, he said, had not abandoned hope of a limitation of armaments and did not consider that expansion or acceleration was yet rendered finally necessary. The situation was a very anxious one and the Government was determined to see that no stone was left unturned for the adequate protection of the country and the Empire. — Reuter.

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MYSTERY OF LEGS

SOLUTION SEEN AS TRUNK OF MALE BODY IS FOUND

Children's Gruesome Discovery

HEADLESS AND LEGLESS BODY IN GRAND UNION CANAL NEAR BRENTFORD

London, To-day.

The possibility of a solution of the hitherto baffling legs mystery reported on February 25 has been opened up by the discovery in the Grand Union Canal near Brentford of the trunk of a male body minus the legs and head.

One hand of the body, which had been in the water for some time, was seen floating in the canal by some children. The police were informed and C.I.D. officers rushed to the scene.

Brentford is on the line taken by the train to Waterloo on February 25. In a carriage of which two human legs severed at the knees and loosely wrapped in brown paper, were discovered. — Reuter.

Others have already been sent to Siberia. — Reuter.



A new photograph of Signor Benito Juarez Mussolini (arrow), Italian Premier, reviewing, at Rome, forces mobilised in celebration of the 12th anniversary of his rise to power. These and many more were put under arms for the conquest of Abyssinia.

NEW RUBBER RESTRICTION

KARACHI RIOT QUELLED BY FIRM ACTION

Inhabitants Approve Use Of Troops

DEFENCELESS HINDU WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAVED

Karachi, To-day.

That the prompt and firm action of the authorities has prevented a serious situation and saved thousands of defenceless Hindu women and children is the view expressed by several responsible Indian residents here. The British troops saved the city from a terrible catastrophe, said one prominent inhabitant.

Though the city is now outwardly normal, an air of subdued excitement remains, and the troops continue to patrol the streets. — Reuter.

Cables received last night stated that 19 were killed and many injured as a result of the police firing on a turbulent Moslem crowd, following the execution in the local gaol of one Abdul Quayam, for murdering a Hindu.

The Hindu is alleged to have written an offensive work about the prophet Mahomet.

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100 PASTORS ARE RELEASED

Sequel To Nazi Raid

Berlin, To-day.

The Pastors, to the number of over 100, who were arrested on Saturday night, to prevent them reading from their pulpits the Government proclamation against neo-paganism, have been released. — Reuter.

COMMITTEE'S DECISION MAY BE CHANGED

Raise Expected In Dutch Circles

OVERRATED CONSUMPTION

London, To-day.

The Financial Times' Amsterdam correspondent states that there is considerable surprise in well-informed Dutch quarters that the Rubber Regulation Committee has not yet raised restriction to 30 or 35 per cent.

It is opined that the Committee has considerably overrated consumption and overlooked the fact that the consumption peak in the United States is no longer March, but January.

It is believed that American consumption for the first quarter will be 182,000 tons, as against an estimate of 140,000, while consumption in the second quarter will be considerably lower.

CONTINENTAL DECREASE

The Dutch further point out that German rubber imports in January were 20 per cent. below those of last year, and that Italian imports of British rubber will be reduced by 20 per cent.; hence there is sufficient reason for the Committee to reconsider their decision. — Reuter.

PROTECTING THE GUILDER

The Hague, to-day. — A Government bill provides for budget economies of £8,500,000 to protect the guilder. — Reuter.

CURRENCY ANXIETY

BELGIUM MAY BE FORCED INTO STERLING GROUP

Roosevelt's Chance For World Parley

REASON FOR RESIGNATION OF BELGIAN CABINET

Paris, To-day.

The resignation of the Belgian Cabinet is attributed to the French decision not to grant the 4,000,000,000 francs loan and adequate commercial concessions.

Paris believes that Belgium will follow the sterling group and, owing to the prospects of a similar measure by Holland, President Roosevelt will have an unexpected chance to propose a world currency parley.

A nervous feeling is apparent about all gold currencies.

The official French support given to the Belgian franc yesterday afternoon suggests that hopes of helping Belgium have not entirely been abandoned.

London's immediate reaction to the resignation was a rapid improvement of sterling in terms of dollars and francs, in view of the very heavy Continental demand.

The news unsettled the stock exchange owing to fears of industrial competition in the event of Belgium going off gold. — Reuter.

FOG HOLDS UP SHIPPING

Four Liners Anchored Off Waglan

Heavy fog is reported to be prevailing in the vicinity of Waglan Island, which is situated 12 miles from Hong Kong Harbour.

Several ocean-liners which were due to arrive here this morning are now anchored out in the fog.

The R.M.S. Empress of Japan, which was scheduled to arrive at 8 a.m. to-day from Manila, the s.s. Corfu, the s.s. Nako Maru, and the s.s. Oder are four of the vessels now anchored off Waglan. It is understood that the ships, which left here this morning are also stranded.

WEATHER FORECAST

The anticyclone over north China has increased considerably in intensity and is extending eastward and southward. An area of moderately high pressure covers the Pacific to the south of the Bonins. The depression is passing into the Pacific to the east of Japan. Shallow depressions are situated over west China and Tongking. The local forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning, was south-east, or variable winds, moderate, freshening from N.E.; cloudy, for or mist at first, rain later, cooler.

EUROPEAN DRIVER IN CAR MISHAP

Mr. Browning, of No. 888, The Peak, reports that at about 2.15 a.m. yesterday, while driving private car No. 8989 along Stubbs Road, he collided with car No. 1680 at the junction of Stubbs Road and Mags Lane Gap Road. No damage, however, is reported.

British Treasury Returns

London, to-day. — With two weeks to run before the end of the financial year, the latest Treasury returns show that ordinary revenue amounted at March 16, to £881,358,585, which is an increase of £18,082,381 over last week's figure.

The estimate for year is £708,520,000 and the total revenue collected so far is therefore already within about £25,000,000 of budget expectations. The income tax collected last week

amounted to £5,608,000, bringing the total to date to £218,488,000, which is almost within £1,000,000 of the budget estimate, for the whole year, of £219,500,000, collected up to the corresponding date last year.

Ordinary expenditure up to March 16 is £275,980,982, compared with £268,495,215 on March 17, 1934. The total estimate of ordinary expenditure for the current year, including supplementary grants, is £715,769,000. — British Wireless Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

PARCEL POST

A schedule of revised parcel post rates, including many reductions, is exhibited in the Parcel Office, G.P.O. The rates will take effect as from 1st March, 1935.

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INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Corfu (via Suez) Mar. 21

FROM JAPAN

Nako Maru Mar. 20
Santos Maru Mar. 21
Atsuta Maru Mar. 22
Carthage Mar. 22
Pres. Grant Mar. 22

FROM SHANGHAI

Carthage Mar. 22
Pres. Grant Mar. 22
Ixion Mar. 22
Agamemnon Mar. 22
Aramis Mar. 22

FROM MANILA

Emp. of Japan Mar. 20
General Sherman Mar. 21
Kamo Maru Mar. 21
Pres. Hoover Mar. 23

FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Grant Mar. 22

FROM AUSTRALIA

Kamo Maru Mar. 21

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Taima Mar. 20
Kashima Maru Mar. 22

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Emp. of Japan (via Vancouver) Mar. 21
Closes: Reg. 9.15 a.m. Ord. 10 a.m.
Corfu (via Suez) Mar. 21
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Pres. Hoover (via San Fran-isco) Mar. 22
Carthage (via Marseilles) Mar. 22
Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.
Andre Lebon Mar. 23
General Sherman (via Suez) Mar. 23
Aramis (Marseilles Air Mail) Mar. 23
Closes: Reg. 10 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.

FOR SHANGHAI

Corfu Mar. 21
Emp. of Japan Mar. 21
Pres. Hoover Mar. 22
Andre Lebon Mar. 23
General Sherman Mar. 23

FOR JAPAN

Corfu Mar. 21
Emp. of Japan Mar. 21
Pres. Hoover Mar. 22
Andre Lebon Mar. 23
General Sherman Mar. 23

FOR MANILA

Atsuta Maru Mar. 22

FOR U.S.A.

Emp. of Japan Mar. 21
Pres. Hoover Mar. 22

FOR STRAITS

Philippines Mar. 20
Santos Maru Mar. 21
Van Heutz Mar. 21

FOR AUSTRALIA

Atsuta Maru Mar. 22

FOR INDIA

Santos Maru Mar. 21

The Woman's Page

HOW WE GROW OLD

Beauty culture means largely the preservation of youthful attributes. It is a fact that we grow old in sections. Teeth are usually the first part one's anatomy to "give up trying." Even quite young people have teeth that have deteriorated badly. But modern dentistry repairs the damage, and proper and regular care retards their tendency to age before their time.

FOR NICOTINE STAINS

American women have several first-aid preparations for finger nails during their severe winters which have crossed the Atlantic recently. One is a bleach for nicotine, ink, and fruit stains on the nail and finger tip, which is made in powder form for traveling, and in liquid form for the home dressing table.

Another is a polish for those who do not care to varnish their nails or think it better to discontinue varnish while nails grow stronger. This polish in its paste form is specially devised for brittle and dry nails, and in its powder form is suitable for the normal healthy finger nail.

DOCTORING HATS

The soft beaver hats which are frequently worn by children show rain spots rather obviously after they have been out in the rain. More brushing is not always successful in removing them, but it will be found that a little vinegar applied sparingly to the beaver will be effective. The hat should be allowed to dry and be brushed well before treating it with vinegar. Brush the hat frequently while it is drying, and the surface will not have the usual "rough" appearance when dry.

SIMPLE HOME TREATMENT FOR HANDS

A simple home treatment for vegetable stains on the hands consists of a paste composed of equal parts of powdered pumice and coarse oatmeal moistened with lemon juice. This is applied to the hands, which are then washed with warm soapy water.

VIA SIBERIA—Letters and postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given above unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m., registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

THE "BON VOYAGE" PARTY

GIVING A NAUTICAL ATMOSPHERE

London.
Following the example of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, members of the younger social set are going on a pleasure cruise, and the bon voyage parties of the moment are merry and gay.

Special attention is being given to the table decorations at these parties, a favourite centrepiece being a ship or boat motif, a replica in cardboard of the Queen Mary or the Duchess of Richmond. The idea is to have a model made of the ship in which the guests of honour are sailing.

This is done by taking two boat-shaped pieces of cardboard about 20 in long, standing them on edge, and fastening the ends together. They are pushed apart to make a hollow, and in the centre, lengthwise, are three red cardboard cylinders with black bands at the top to serve as smokestacks.

Stuffing bits of cotton in the open ends of these give the desired smoke effect. The ship may be painted black, white or grey, lined with a contrasting colour paper, and with two long rows of small holes to simulate portholes. The whole rests on a billow of blue-green tissue paper.

The Place Cards
Tiny replicas of the ship, with a single smokestack, serve as place cards. They should have the name of the guest painted on the bow, and be filled with gifts of miniature sailing ships or galleons in gilt.

Where an actual life-preserver is chosen as centrepiece, it should have a toy ship or galleon in the middle and waves of paper sea around. Little life-preservers make the place cards with guest favours of minute table globes which turn out to be business-like pencil sharpeners.

Ship's Bar Effect
Another novelty that will appeal to the hostess is to have the cocktails served from a regular ship's bar and the cocktail set of a distinctly nautical appearance.

The mixer is a tall shaker in shape reminiscent of a ship's lantern, and the beverage glasses are each decorated on one side with two or three flags in colour, the kind of little pennants which boats use for signalling.

Since the average landsman and landswoman is not supposed to be able to interpret these nautical signals, they are translated in black letters on the other side of each glass. They are decidedly appropriate, "Man Overboard," "Heave To," "Reduce Speed," and the like.

To pair off the guests have slips of paper ready for the first dance, with as many names of cities as there are girls and a similar number for the men bearing the names of the countries in which these cities are found. The matching ones are, of course, partners.

EVENING NECKS ESCAPE SEVERITY

Evening necks escape severity especially in the back, but day dresses necks continue high finished with self scarfs in the same manner as the coats, or else shirred with a heading. Plaids and gathers distinguish the sleeve tops of afternoon dress, while sports models go in for sleeves, short and plain.



From the skirt and bandeau of the Tahitian maiden comes the idea for this extremely popular bathing suit. Iris Adrian, screen newcomer, who is wearing the suit, which is in blue and white, has a patee type skirt which goes around the trunk if one wishes to "go native."

SPRING SUITS

Spring suits and the diagonal will have much in common. Schiaparelli jackets close in a slanting line from right shoulder to left hip, leaving space for only one pocket, a large one at the right side. The use of horizontal stripes in wools is marked.

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FOR THE OLDER WOMAN

For the older woman whose nails are apt to lose their natural pink colour, and to become blotched and dull, a country specialist has made up a nail cream in pink or white. This has to be rubbed into the nail and the surrounding skin every night after the fingers have been carefully washed in warm water and thoroughly dried.

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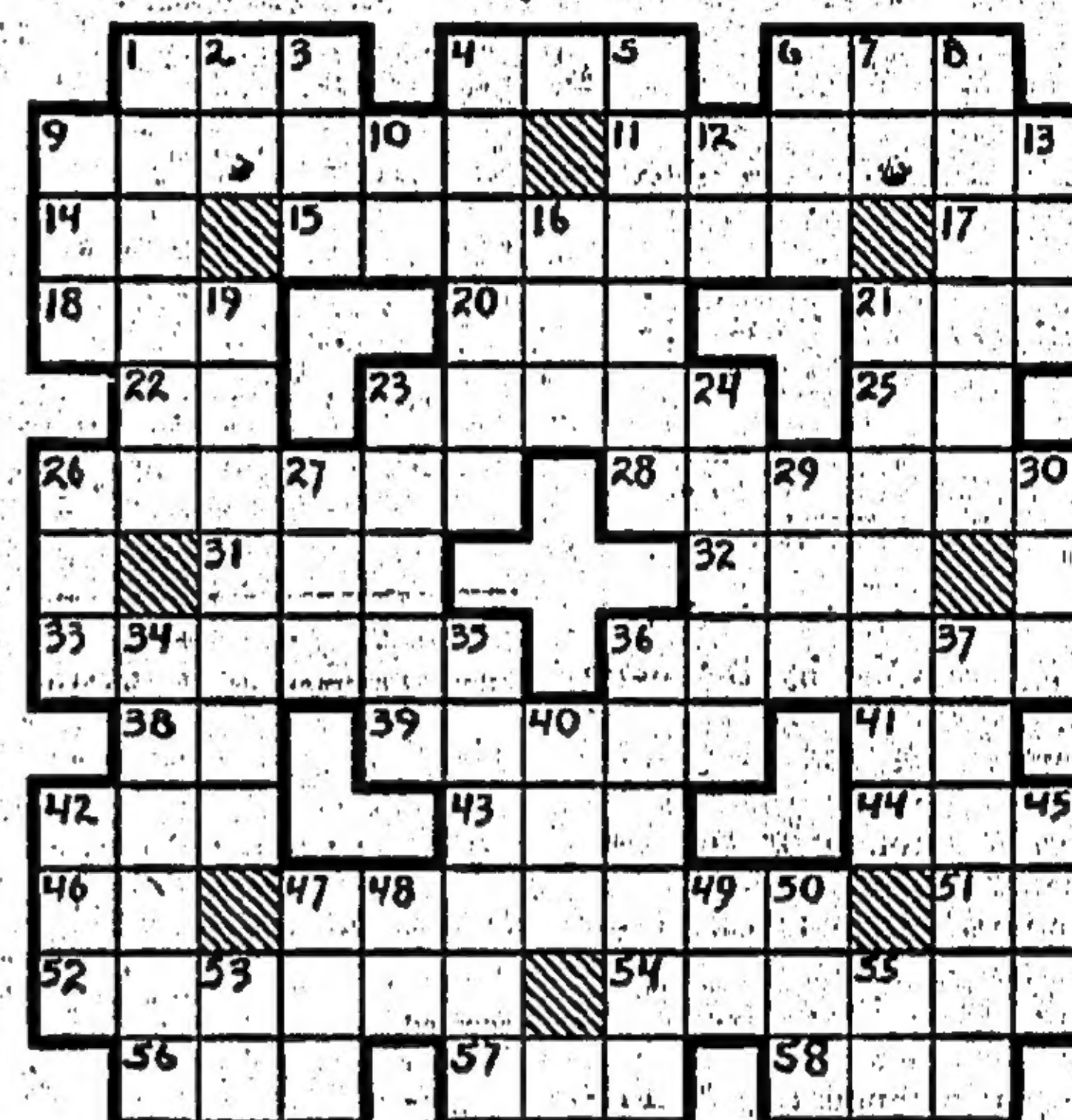


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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL
1-Summit
4-Farm animal
6-Organ of hearing
8-Trust
11-Camped
14-Into
15-Makes crimson
17-Italian river
18-Etymology (abbr.)
20-Ever (cont.)
21-Drunkard
22-Exile
23-Made a mistake
25-Conjunction
26-Book of the Bible
28-Council of state
31-Suit
32-Preposition
33-Young married women
35-Pertaining to Ionia
38-Indefinite article
39-One of the old nobles in the king's service (Eng. abbr.)
41-N. W. State of U. S. (abbr.)
42-Greek letter
43-Swedish
44-A sailor (colloq.)
46-Smallest State of U. S. (abbr.)
47-Brighter
51-Egyptian sun-god
52-Allure
54-Fastened with a nail
56-Obtained
57-Canine
58-Tablet
HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
10-Point of compass (abbr.)
12-Printer's measure
13-Speak
16-The (Ger.)
18-Feminine of tear
21-Floating in air
22-Ant
24-Author of "Robinson Crusoe"
26-Publisher (abbr.)
27-Youth
28-Prefix. Not
30-Eagle
34-A seedling
35-Formed
36-Spreading with ink
37-Worshipped
40-A serpent
42-Before
45-Evil
47-Swift
48-Army Corps (abbr.)
49-Each. (abbr.)
50-Tear
53-Preparation
55-Musical note
VERTICAL
1-A game
2-Opera. (abbr.)
3-By
4-A serpent (pl.)
5-Cubic unit of metric measure (pl.)
6-A naval officer (abbr.)
7-Near by
8-Account
9-Expire

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

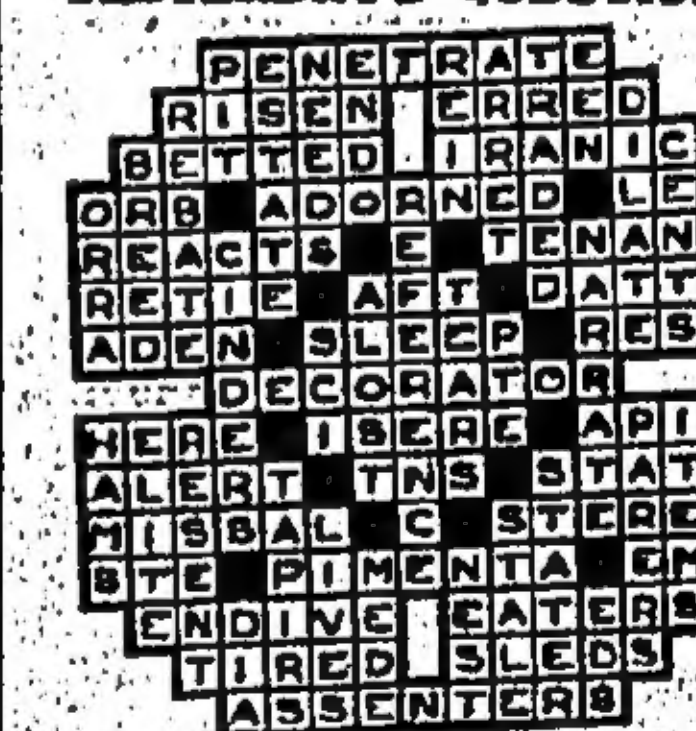
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th Floor, on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of March 1935, at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1934, to elect Auditors and Directors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is further hereby given that the Register and Transfer books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 20th day of March 1935, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1935.

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 26th March, 1935, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1934.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 18th to 25th March, 1935, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1935.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 29th March 1935, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1934.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 28th March, 1935, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,
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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1935.

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GENERAL NOTICES

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONG KONG

MEMBERS are reminded that the ANNUAL DINNER of the Institution will be held in the Rooms on Friday, 22nd March 1935 at 8 o'clock p.m.
Dress-Dinner Jacket.

J. P. A. DAVIS,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 23rd March, 1935, commencing at 2.00 p.m.
The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1935.

KING'S SILVER JUBILEE

Dollar Collection Fund

Managers of business firms and others who have employees are informed that special collection boxes for the Jubilee \$1 Collection are now available at 6 Ning Yuen Terrace, temporary headquarters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, telephone No. 26236.

The boxes can be obtained from Mr. A. Morris, at the address mentioned above, or from Mr. S. F. Balfour, of the Colonial Secretariat. The Collection is to begin on April 1, between which date and May 1 the boxes should be circulated; when filled, they should be sent to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, which has kindly undertaken to receive same.

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Hong Kong, March 18, 1935.

BRIDGE NOTES

TIMING A SQUEEZE

by Ely Culbertson.

The squeeze play is a striking illustration of an axiom in physics that the same body cannot be in two places at the same time. Therefore, in a Bridge hand, a single card cannot be used as a discard and still remain to win a trick later from an opponent's lower card. It is purely a matter of insufficient time—when finally the opportunity arises for a high card to be used, it is too late because that card has already been sacrificed to another purpose.

Consider a crane caught in the muck of a swamp. Each time he pulls out his long bill, his stiff tail is stuck, and no sooner is his tail extricated than his bill is sunk again. It is a tragic case of a "squeeze" due to the lack of moving space, which in Bridge is time. In many cases the pressure of time is barely felt at the start of the hand, but as the play continues and the more or less stable supply of honour values is withdrawn from both sides, the reserve battalions—the low cards which are so important as guards—are being forced into play. The pace rapidly increases from adagio to prestissimo, and in the last precious trick or two the climax is reached.

In the hand below, throughout lead after lead at South's seven-trump contract the defending players can nonchalantly toss out cards they do not need and can never miss.

Suddenly West feels a slight pressure, which continues to advance on him with ever increasing intensity until he finds his available supply of time completely exhausted, and at last he is forced to give up a card he really wants. Meanwhile East, serene and unembarrassed, finds no shortness of available discards until finally the curse strikes him as well, and eventually both defenders find that they must sit by helpless while South wins (the trick which decides his contract with a deuce in a suit which was originally his weakest).

South, Dealer

East and West vulnerable

North:

S—A 3

H—A 6 5 4

D—Q J 4

C—A K Q 2

West:

S—K Q 8 5

H—J 10 9 8 7 3

D—8

C—7 6

East:

S—Q J 10 7 6

H—

D—9 7 3 2

C—J 10 9 8

South:

S—A 2

H—K Q 2

D—A K 10 6 5

C—5 4 3

South West North East

1D. Pass 3C. Pass

3D. Pass 4D. Pass

4NT. Pass 5NT. Pass

7NT. Pass Pass Pass

Against the seven-trump contract West chooses the safe opening lead of the heart Jack.

Before playing from the Dummy South considers his plan. He can win five tricks in diamonds, three each in clubs and hearts, and one in spades—twelve tricks in high cards, so that he needs only one more. This may be won if either the hearts or the clubs are divided evenly, but the opening lead makes an even division of the hearts unlikely, and if either adversary holds four clubs the only remaining hope must be that one or both adversaries will be caught in a squeeze and unable to hold the necessary stoppers.

By way of experiment, South lets the first heart run to his King, and when East discards a spade, hope of straightforward establishment of the heart suit must be relinquished. The Ace, King and Queen of clubs are now played, revealing the fact that East has that suit stopped. South now proceeds to lead out his diamonds.

On the first four leads West is in no difficulty. He throws two hearts and a spade (having previously discarded one spade on the third club) and is still able to retain three hearts to stop that suit, and to guard his spade King. But when South leads the fifth diamond, the following embarrassing situation faces West:

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One case of smallpox, one case of diphtheria, and one case of meningitis were reported in the Colony during the 24 hours ended March 18.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.R.W. on a wave length of 855 metres. (845 K.C.S.)

4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme
4.6.15 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7.11 p.m.—European Programme.
7.23 p.m.—A Concert
Pianoforte Solo—
Masurka in E Minor, Op. 41, No. 2 (Chopin)

Traumenswaben (Dream Visions), Op. 12, No. 7 (Schumann)
Vladimir Horowitz

Songs—
The Almond Tree (Schumann)
The Mocking Fairy (Besly)
Eide Suddaby (Soprano).

Pianoforte Solo—
Paganini Etude in E Flat Major (Paganini)
Children's Corner Suite (Debussy)—
Serenade for the Doll
Vladimir Horowitz

Songs—
Myself when young ("In a Persian Garden") (Lohmann)
Silent Noon (Vaughan Williams)
Stuart Robertson (Baritone).

7.26-7.45 p.m.—Bolero (Ravel) played by Willem-Mengelberg and his Concertgebouw Orchestra.

7.43-8 p.m.—Vocal Gems
The Maid of the Mountains (Fraser-Simson)
Musical Comedy Selection

Garda Hall and George Baker.
8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-8.20 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Violin Recital by Conrado de la Cruz accompanied by Nura Kanis.

Programme
1. Variationen Tazziel-Kreisler.
2. Romanzo Wagner-Wilhelm.
3. Grandmother's Menuet Grieg-Elman.
4. Spanish Dance Malagueña Sarasate.

8.20-8.45 p.m.—Variety Items.
Humorous—
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Murgatroyd and Winterbottom.

Piano Medley Ronald Gourley.
Vocal—
Pop-Eyed Pete
Little Mountain Cabin

The Hill Billies.
Banjo Solo—Keyboard Kapers
Mandoline Solo—Mazur

8.45-9 p.m.—Introduction and Allegro for Harp with Strings and Woodwind Accompaniment (Ravel)
Virtuoso String Quartet.

9.30 p.m.—Light Orchestra Selections.
Danube Waves—Waltz (Fyrenovik)
Over the Waves—Waltz (Rosas)
With a Song in my Heart—Symphonic Rhapsody (Eric Coates)

Helena Walzer (Offenbach)
Kongreb Waltzer (Strauss—Heymann)
Bird Songs at Eventide (Eric Coates)
Gipsy Moon (Berganoff)

9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, London 1 p.m. Stock and Commodity Quotations.

9.35-10.05 p.m.—From the Studio.
Selections by "The Music Makers."
10.05-11 p.m.—A Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Majestic Ballroom (by courtesy of the Management).

10.00 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Mid-day Press News, Further London Stock and Commodity Quotations.

11 p.m.—Close Down.

"Mac" Feted By Chinese "Y" And Friends

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work of the Y.M.C.A. in this Colony.

"Mr. McPherson, your many friends in the Association are reluctant to even bid you farewell, but they all realise that you are entitled to your respite. They want you to accept this souvenir as a token of their love, respect, and esteem."

Mr. McPherson was then presented with a silver coffee set from the Association; carved ivory, from the teachers and pupils of the Day School; and silver frames with photos of the Secretarial Staff, from the secretaries.

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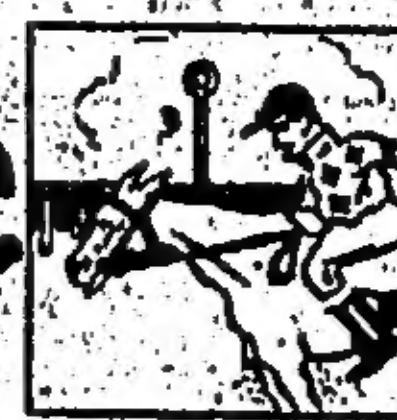
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SELECTORS HELD UP

**CIVILIANS
FAIL TO ATTEND
FINAL TRIAL**

**PARKER AND DIVETT
OUTSTANDING**

**SELK INJURED BUT PLAYS
BRILLIANT GAME**

(By "STICKS")

The fine understanding between C. S. Parker and G. E. R. Divett, the Civilians' right-wing combination, featured the scrappy and rather disappointing Civilian Hockey Trial, in which the East Lanes were defeated by 6 goals to 1 on the Y.M.C.A. ground, King's Park, yesterday.

To begin with five of the invited Civilian players were conspicuous for their absence, which, it was explained, was due to some misunderstanding among the players caused by the delay of the proposed German visit. The absentees were U. B. Souza, F. Fowler, W. A. Reed, E. L. Gosano and Kalwant Singh. As a result the Selection Committee, instead of nominating the team last night, have been forced to stage another "final" trial—tomorrow.

In the first half the East Lanes showed a sound defence, but after the change over the Civilians were all over them. The East Lanes were also not at their strongest, Williams, centre-half, and Dawson, centre-forward, both being absent.

Karnail Singh, the K.T.C. right-back, played in goal for the Civilian, but he had very little to do. **SELK OUTSTANDING**

E. F. Selk played an outstanding game throughout at right-back. Early in the game he was unlucky to receive a cut above his right eye, and this slowed up his play for a while, but he was soon playing his usual fast type of game. In the first half he was partnered by Sommer, but in the second Rodriguez filled the left-back position.

Gonsalves and Bliss both played well together in the intermediate line, the latter watching Nolan very closely. Gonsalves was kept very busy keeping Johns quiet, but he managed very well for the greater part of the match.

The forward line badly lacked combination, Parker and Divett being the only ones to combine at all.

G. SINGH SELFISH
Gurbachan Singh led the forwards in many speedy attacks, but was inclined to be selfish when near the circle. He lacked the support of his inside-left, Whitley, who also spoiled many attempts by trying to do too much individual work.

Carroll, on the left-wing, worked very hard and with Parker, as his inside man, in the second half, he was seen in many spectacular wing runs. He found a great obstacle in Murphy the opposing right-half but with the aid of Parker managed to pass him

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Civilian Trial Teams

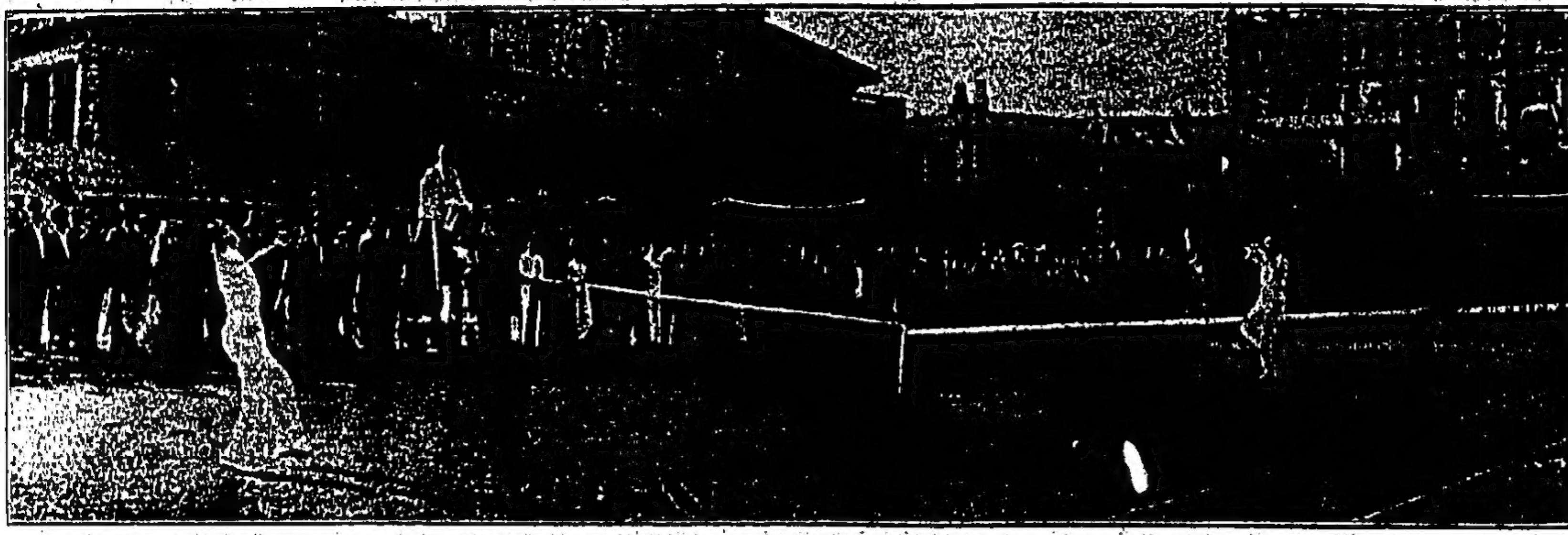
The following have been asked to attend to-morrow's game:

Whites: H. B. M. X. de Souza; E. H. B. White, A. M. Rodriguez; A. S. Ellis, W. A. Reed, G. Parker, G. E. R. Divett, T. Whitley, Gurbachan Singh, Kalwant Singh, and E. A. Carroll.

Colours: F. Fowler, G. Selk, Faridman Singh, E. L. Gosano, J. Gonsalves, E. V. Reed, E. Fowler, G. Fowler, Awar Singh, Pinto (K.T.C.), A. P. Souza, A. E. Remedios, Jagreet Singh and W. J. Brown.

TWO TRIALS POSTPONED

As the visit of the Shanghai German Hockey Club team has been postponed until the beginning of next month, both the Interport trial for this afternoon and the Combined Services' trial for Thursday have been indefinitely postponed.



A Crawford makes an unsuccessful attempt to return a "kill" by Teddy Fincher at the H.K.C.C. on Monday. The K.C.C. champion was never extended and won in straight sets. (King's Studio).

"SHAMATEUR" TENNIS CRITICS COUNTER-ATTACKED

**MRS. BUNNY AUSTIN
SPEAKS OUT**

**"GREAT SACRIFICES MADE IN
PLAYING FOR THEIR COUNTRY"**

Mrs. H. W. Austin (Phyllis Konstam, the actress) is a staunch champion of her husband, the famous tennis player, in the renewed controversy about amateurism.

Speaking to press representatives last month she counter-attacked the critics who, roused by the proposal to allow lawn tennis amateurs to make films, have revived the old taunt of "shamateur."

"Shamateur!" exclaimed Mrs. Austin, with indignation in her voice. "There has never been any question of it with Bunny."

"Absurd Stories"
"One hears these absurd stories that they are constantly making money in mysterious underground ways. It is not true."

"The truth is that they are continually turning down offers to advertise products."

"As for the notion that money is forthcoming from equipment makers, I only know that my husband has never made one penny in that way."

"Granted, he has had the use of his rackets free, but such dozens of rackets are needed that few players could possibly afford to buy them all."

"And, when they are used, they must be returned."

"Writing has been his only source of income connected with lawn tennis." Why shouldn't a man write on the subject he knows?

Being Kept

"Writing doesn't make him a 'pro'."

"Critics say that Perry is being kept by lawn tennis."

"It is true that Fred, like Bunny, has his expenses paid when he is on tour. But he won't save any money from these tours."

"These boys make great sacrifices in playing for their country."

**LAWSON LITTLE'S
DETERMINATION**

**Winner Of British
Amateur Seeks
New Laurels**

San Francisco.

Lawson Little, the British and American amateur golf champion, is to make an early start for England, where he will defend his title at Lytham and St. Annes and take part also in the British Open at Muirfield.

His object in going over to England in good time is to be able to have plenty of practice on the links there. He will play as often as he can before the championship on as many courses as possible to gain more experience of English courses. This, he said, he lacked last year.

**\$250,000 OFFER
TO BAER**

**July 4 Bout Against
Negro Suggested**

Pittsburgh, March 13.

Law Raymond, promoter, telegraphed to Max Baer at Sacramento offering him \$250,000 to defend his title against Joe Louis at Pittsburgh on July 4. It was not stated whether Louis had agreed to meet Baer.

—Associated Press.

**ALBERT HALL
AGAIN BANS
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SOCCEER ALL RHYTHM

An ear for music means rhythm, and Soccer—first-class Soccer at least—is all rhythm.—Roy Kinnear.



The South China "B" soccer team, above, will meet the Police in the final of the Senior Shield as the result of their win over the Chinese Athletic last Sunday. (King's Studio).

Baer Wins Another "Potted" Title Fight

Stanley Poreda The Victim

San Francisco.
MAX BAER, film star boxing champion of the world, had another of his "potted" championship contests last month when he outpointed Stanley Poreda, one of the "select six" who have beaten Carnera, in a four-round charity affair.

Baer, dangling the heavy-weight crown before Poreda's eyes—he would have lost it if Poreda had scored a knock-out—was not quite so playful as usual. Although he treated the spectators to his usual clowning at times, he was also seen in a deadly serious mood, and Poreda was severely punished.

It seemed that Baer could have ended the fight by a knock-out at any time, but he probably preferred to give the spectators value for their money.

Charity Tournament
The contest was the chief item in a programme organised for the benefit of the widow of Frankie Campbell, who died in 1930 following a fight with Baer.

Baer pleased the 10,000 spectators by his antics at the beginning. A small section of the crowd in the gallery did show disapproval by booing loudly, probably because they expected him to "kill" Poreda.

Suddenly Became Serious

Poreda was clearly no match for the champion. A right to the jaw had him groggy in the first round, after which Baer hugged, pulled and wrestled while Poreda regained

his balance.

Baer suddenly became serious in the second round, however, and with a shower of rights and lefts the face he again had Poreda wobbling around the ring. Poreda was not to be left out of it, however, and in a desperate rally drew blood from Baer's nose with a hard right.

Another Crushing Right

A short but breezy rally by Baer in the third round again had Poreda so dazed that he was unable to defend himself; but the champion again became "soft-hearted," and mercifully resumed his clowning to enable his rival to stay on his feet.

Baer banged over a terrific right in the fourth round which floored Poreda for a count of "nine," after which the pair wrestled around for practically the remainder of the session.

It is hoped that as a result of Baer's appearance Mrs. Campbell will receive about \$2,000 as her share of the proceeds.

**LEN HARVEY ISSUES
CHALLENGES**

**Petersen And Neusel
In Demand**

Len Harvey, former British and Empire heavyweight champion, has challenged Jack Petersen, British champion, and Walter Neusel, the German.

"I have beaten Petersen and Petersen has beaten me," he says. "What about the third meeting? I'll fight Petersen for \$500 a-side whenever and wherever he likes. If he comes in at the light-heavyweight limit I'll lay him 6 to 4, on the result."

"As for Neusel, the referee gave a draw when I fought him. I am ready to fight Neusel again."

**INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS
AT CAROLINE HILL**

The heats for the Hong Kong Inter-School Sports will be held this afternoon and the finals on Friday at Caroline Hill at 2.15 p.m. on each day.

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**BANK DRAW AT
CRICKET**

**Mr. "Extras" Totals 50
For Logan And Amps**

The Bank drew with Messrs. Logan and Amps in a friendly cricket match at King's Park last Sunday.

Bank: 225 for 9 dec. (W. H. B. Ring 40, G. C. Moutrie 44, I. H. Bradford 42, F. Smith 6 for 70).

Logan and Amps: 214 for 8 (G. T. Anderson 28, F. Smith 65, "Extras" 50).

**TO-DAY'S TENNIS
EXHIBITION**

**All-China Champion
In Action**

Kho Sin-kee, the Chinese national lawn tennis singles champion and 1935 Davis Cup representative, will meet Tsui Wai-pui, the Colony champion, in an exhibition match at the H.K.C.C. this afternoon, commencing at 4.30 p.m. He will later partner E. C. Fincher, the K.C.C. champion, against the Rumjahn cousins, doubles holders of the Colony title for the past 10 years.

An entrance fee of \$1.00 will be charged.

K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNEY

The K.C.C. annual tennis tournament for 1935 will be held on the club grounds commencing Saturday, April 6, at 2.30 p.m. Entries close on Saturday, March 30, 1935, at 5 p.m.

**Pacific Coast Baseball League
To Be Opened On April 6**

San Francisco.

The Pacific Coast Baseball League has broken with tradition in announcing a split-week schedule and picking Saturday for the opening day of the 1935 campaign.

League directors, at a meeting here, voted to start the season on Saturday, April 6. The opening games will be Seattle at Sacramento, Portland at Oakland, the Missioneros and Seals at San Francisco and Hollywood at Los Angeles.

The coast season will close September 22 in order to avoid conflict with the college football season. The closing date is one week earlier than in 1934.

League directors feel that increased attendance will more than balance the additional \$15,000 travelling expenses which the new schedule entails. Club owners hope, by shortening the series, to attract greater interest with the resemblance to the loop-style used in the majors.

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L. GOKCHIN, Asst. Manager.

Commerce and Finance.

LOCAL DOLLAR DECLINES

Silver Prices Drop

The local dollar has declined 1/4, opening on demand this morning at 1/11 1/2.
 Spot and forward silver prices declined 1/4, being quoted at 27 5/16 and 27 3/4, respectively.
 The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.78, as compared with £—U.S.\$4.75 1/2, while the New York on London rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.78 1/2, as compared with £—U.S.\$4.76 1/2.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

\$71,387 Supplementary Expenditure Tabled

Supplementary expenditure amounting to \$71,387 will be presented for consideration at the Finance Committee meeting, which will follow the Legislative Council meeting tomorrow afternoon.

The sum is made up of \$37 to the Police Force for polishing equipment; \$1,600 to the Sanitary Department for a plot at Apichau Island; \$50,000 for the Silver Jubilee celebrations; \$10,000 to charitable services, for the Little Sisters of the Poor; \$9,750 to the Sanitary Department for touring barges.

MERCANTILE BANK DIVIDEND

The Mercantile Bank of India, Limited have received a telegram from the Head Office in London advising that at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders a Final Dividend of 6 per cent. on the "A", "B", and "C" shares will be recommended (making 12 per cent. for the year less Income Tax)—£10,000—written off Land and House property—£172,000—carried forward to 1935 account.

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 J. B. ROSE, Manager.
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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Uncertainties Stop Speculation

IMPROVEMENT IN COTTON EXPECTED

In their market report, Messrs. S. E. Levy and Company, correspondents for Messrs. White Weld and Company New York state:—
 "Stocks: The market ruled steadier. Uncertainties continue to weigh heavily on speculative sentiment. However, there was no general weakness and the light volume of trading is possibly encouraging. Business done—510,000 shares.
 "Grains: In spite of dust storms continuing in the South-west, buying was not aggressive. Total sales:—Wheat: 20,987,000 bushels, Corn: 12,919,000 bushels.
 "Cotton: There was much short-covering in evidence, while trading was fair. The trend of buying was to confine purchases of old crops on setbacks.
 "A higher cotton market is expected, which will favourably influence other markets. We would caution against a bulge buying.
 "Rubber: Trading was moderate. The demand from consumers helped a technical rally. Total sales—537 lots.
 "Coffee: Prices appear to be near the investment level. Supplies from consuming markets are low and many growers were hedged heavily.
 E. A. Pierce and Co's Report
 In their market report, the American Oriental Finance Corporation, correspondents for Messrs. E. A. Pierce and Company of New York state:—
 "Stocks: There were no definite news factors, but it is obvious that the improvement in the technical position may result in a somewhat further quiet recovery.
 "Grains: There was a better tone prevailing in both the wheat and corn markets. Trading was moderate. May option of wheat and corn and distant options showed fractional gains. It is reported that dust storms are still continuing in the South-west, while there is no moisture in evidence. The Winnipeg market ruled firm. Purchases of Argentine corn are indicated, while the shipping demand for corn, and country offerings, were moderate.

Insurance:
 Canton Ins. \$250 n.
 Union Ins. \$417 1/2 n.
 China Underwriters 1 1/2 n.
 China Fire Ins. \$400 sa.
 H.K. Fire Ins. \$220 n.
 International Assoc. Sh. \$5 n.

Shipping:
 Douglas 339 1/2 n.
 H.K. Steamboats, 37 1/2 n.
 Indo-China (Pref.), \$30 n.
 Indo-China (Def.), \$33 n.
 Shells (Bearer) \$47 1/2 n.
 Union Waterboats \$12 1/2 n.

Mining:
 Antamoks 86 cts. b. and sa.
 Balatocs \$43 n.
 Baguio Gold 39 cts. n.
 Benguet Consolidated \$14 n.
 Benguet Exploration 15 cts. n.
 Benguet Goldfield 10 cts. n.
 Big Wedge, 10 cts. n.
 Gold Creek 3 1/2 cts. n.
 Gold River 17 cts. n.
 Ipo Mining 1 1/4 n.
 Ilogans 42 cts. n.
 Salacots 16 cts. n.
 Kailan (Single) Sh. 16 1/6 n.
 Langkats (Single) Sh. \$15 n.
 Shai Exploration Sh. \$5 n.
 Shai Loans, Sh. \$6 n.
 Raubs \$5.15 n.
 Venz; Goldfield \$5 n.

Docks, etc.
 H.K. Wharves \$101 1/2 n. Cum rts.
 H.K. Dock 39 1/2 n.
 Providents (old), \$1.20 n.
 Providents (new) 20 cts. n.
 Hongkows, Sh. \$309 n.
 New Engineering Sh. \$5 n.
 Shai Docks, Sh. \$120 n.

Cotton Mills:
 Ewo Cottons Sh. \$8 1/2 n.
 Shai Cotton (old) \$7 1/2 n.
 Shai Cottons (new) \$45 n.
 Zoong Sings Sh. \$9.80 n.
 Wing On Textiles, Sh. \$55 n.
 H.K. Wharves right \$15 sa.
 H.K. Wharves ex rights \$98 n.
 Lands, Hotels, etc.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuter.

New York Cotton:

	Mar. 19.	Mar. 18.	Mar. 17.
March	10.29	10.62	
May	10.35	10.70	
July	10.45	10.76	
October	10.07	10.39	
December	10.12	10.46	
January (1936)	10.16	10.50	

New York Rubber:

	Mar. 19.	Mar. 18.	Mar. 17.
March	10.62	10.89	
May	10.65	10.93b	
July	10.78	11.04	
September	10.95	11.20	
October	11.02	11.25	
December	11.18	11.40	

Chicago Wheat:

	Mar. 19.	Mar. 18.	Mar. 17.
May	91	91 1/2	
July	88 1/2	88 3/4	
September	88 1/2	88 1/2	

Chicago Corn:

	Mar. 19.	Mar. 18.	Mar. 17.
May	76 1/2	77 1/4	
July	72 1/2	73 1/2	
September	70	70	

Winnipeg Wheat:

	Mar. 19.	Mar. 18.	Mar. 17.
May	82 1/2	83 1/4	
July	82 1/2	83 1/4	

New York Sugar:

	Old	New Old	New
March	2.13b	2.08b	2.13
May	2.14	2.14	2.14
July	2.21	2.20	2.20
Sept.	2.26	2.25	2.25
Dec.	2.32	2.30	2.32

New York Silk:

	Mar. 19.	Mar. 18.	Mar. 17.
March	2.27 1/4	1.29	
May	1.26 1/2	1.27	
July	1.25 1/2	1.27	

RAW RUBBER PRICES

Latest Quotations From Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Company have received the following Straits currency quotations from Singapore for Raw Rubber.

Spot 18 1/4 Up 1 cent.
 April-June 19 1/4 Up 1 cent.
 July-Sept. 20 1/2 Up 1 cent.
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CORRESPONDENCE

Sir William Peel
Fund For S.P.C.

(To the Editor, "China Mail.")

Sir,—As His Excellency's period of office as Governor of Hong Kong nears its end, increasingly frequent expressions of regret are being heard on all sides at his approaching departure.

Nowhere have these been voiced more fully and warmly than at the annual meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children of which Sir William and Lady Peel are patrons.

Subsequent to the annual meeting the committee of the Society resolved to commemorate Sir William Peel's administration, and more especially his concern for the children of our less fortunate fellow citizens by opening a fund in aid of the Society's finances.

His Excellency has graciously allowed his name to be associated with the fund which is to be known as the "Sir William Peel Fund for the Protection of Children."

The object of this Fund is to provide an opportunity for those who feel sympathy with suffering childhood to commemorate Sir William Peel's governorship in a permanent manner in accordance with his well known sympathies and as eloquently as the most heartfelt and the most sincere or farewell addresses.

For its present activities the Society for the Protection of Children has to find each month about \$2,000 and each year its income has fallen short of the expenditure by more than this amount.

Last year, by means of donations (and these necessarily vary each year) and a Government Grant of \$5,000 the income was \$20,840.

It is hoped that the response to the appeal for the "Sir William Peel" Fund will realise such a sum that the annual interest will more than make up for the annual deficit, for it is not likely that in present circumstances we shall have to spend less than we do now.

It is sometimes suggested that provision for the destitute and the very poor will attract improvident persons in the Colony.

No one who has any idea how our funds are disbursed can suppose this to be likely. A not infrequent item of our expenditure is to help people to get away to more promising areas.

Our spending is chiefly made up of milk foods, medicines and fees to institutions where we have placed some of our little clients.

We do not give money. Nor do we provide food unless the family income is less than \$4 monthly per person.

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Sir, We have trespassed enough on your forbearance. But because you have always generously opened your columns in aid of unfortunate sufferers we appeal to you confidently for the publication of this letter and such other publicity as you may care to accord the present appeal.

The President, Vice-presidents and committee members of the Society for the Protection of Children have initiated the "Sir William Peel" Fund with contributions from themselves amounting up to date to \$8,550.

I enclose a list of these and hope you will find them of sufficient interest to merit the favour of publication.

Subscriptions to the "Sir William Peel Fund for the Protection of Children" will be received and gratefully acknowledged by—

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President of the Society for the
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G. P. de MARTIN
Chairman of the Executive
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Donations To Date

The following contributions have been received from the President and Vice Presidents and members of the General and Executive Committees of the Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children.

Mr. Wai Shiu Pak	\$5,000
Sir Robert Ho Tung	1,000
Mr. Tang Shiu Kin, M.B.E.	500
Mr. V. M. Grayburn	250
Hon. Sir Shouson Chow	100
C.M.G.	100
Hon. Sir Thomas and Lady Southern	100
Hon. Mr. J. F. Braga	100

WHOM DOES THE MASK
CONCEAL?YOUR SECOND CHANCE IN
NOVEL CONTEST

HERE is the second picture of one of the stars in "Broadway Bill," the great Columbia hit which is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Saturday week—who is she?



To-day's star photograph—the second in a series of six—shows a young lady who has been catapulted to dizzy screen heights in the past year! She appeared in "Thin Man" and "Men in White," and three-score other hits! Now she is coming to the Queen's Theatre in her latest sensational success, "Broadway Bill," which is heralded as the undisputed successor to "I Happened One Night!" Identify her, and all six stars, and write 50 words about each of them. You may win theatre tickets to see "Broadway Bill" when it comes to Hong Kong.

When you have completed your set of six, either with or without the 50 words of description, send them, with your full name and address, to the Contest Editor, China Mail, when you may win one, or perhaps two, free seats for the Queen's Theatre.

SECRET MESSAGES
COMPETITION

THE SECOND DAY'S TEST

HERE is the second picture in the great spy drama competition which began yesterday. Four more are yet to come.



Fate conspires to thwart the British Agent. What does he say to the Russian spy? It's all in the picture. Decode it and you may win a prize.

When you have decoded the secret message contained in the words of the British Agent (Leslie Howard) to the Russian spy (Kay Francis), add it to your solution of yesterday's picture and keep it till you have completed the series of six. If your solutions are all correct and they should be one of the first six to be opened, you will receive two dress circle tickets for the Central Theatre.

"British Agent" the thrilling spy drama of the early days of the Russian Revolution, is being shown at the Alhambra Theatre, beginning to-morrow, and at the Central Theatre, beginning on Sunday.

Another competition will be found on Page 11.

NEW YORK STOCK
EXCHANGE

(Continued From Page 6.)

"Sugar: The market was quiet but steady, with moderate offerings at the 3.08 to 3.10 cents basis, while there were buyers at 3.05 cents. Prices of refined sugar remained unchanged."—Reuter.

Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Company's report on the opening of the markets:—

The opening of Wall Street to-day was slightly higher and firm, but trading is very light.

On the cotton market demand was moderate, while foreign selling and liquidation have subsided, leaving the tone of the market steadier.

Latest Quotations

The following quotations have been received by Reuter.

	Prev. To-day's	Close
N.Y. London	4.76 1/2	4.73 1/2
N.Y. Cotton—July	10.45	10.75
N.Y. Rubber—July	10.78	11.04
Chicago Wheat—May	91	91 1/2
Chicago Corn—May	76 1/2	77 1/2
Montreal Silver—May	59.75	59.85
Silver Official	58 1/2	58 1/2
Dow Jones Averages		
Mar. 18 close	120.00	
Mar. 19 close	120.00	
Mar. 20 close	120.00	
20 Industrials	97.01	98.31
20 Railroads	27.84	28.00
20 Utilities	14.87	14.97
40 Bonds	94.47	94.46
11 Commodities		
Index	53.80	54.42

CORRESPONDENCE

New Territories Produce
Market Day

(To the Editor, "China Mail.")

Sir,—I am writing to enlist the influential support of the Press towards a new scheme which the New Territories Agricultural Association is about to initiate. The scheme has for its object the establishing of a Market Day once a week for the produce of the New Territories. It was in discussion with the Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells, C.B.E., President of the New Territories Agricultural Association, that the subject of a Market Day was brought up. I suggested to Mr. Wells that, in addition to his Association holding the Annual Show at Sheung Shui, they might organise a Market Day if the produce of the New Territories is to become better known to Hong Kong.

I am glad that the suggestion is about to take practical shape and that, at the meeting of the Association on the 23rd inst., the outlines of the scheme will be discussed in greater detail.

In a recent informal conversation with the energetic Honorary Secretary of the Kowloon Residents' Association, I pointed out to him that the sympathetic interest of the Association had already been enlisted in the activities of the Agricultural Association. The K.R.A. is represented on the Committee of the latter Association by several of its Committee members, and it is not too much to hope that the members of the K.R.A. on the N. T. Association might lend their practical support in aid of the Market Day proposal. The co-operation might assume the form of the K.R.A. sponsoring a Market Day at Tsim Tsa Tsui—or any other convenient locality—say, once a month, as a tentative effort to popularize the produce of the New Territories among consumers in the Colony.

This proposal may be entirely novel for Hong Kong, but it is not so new when it is recalled that purchase of New Territories produce, notably vegetables and eggs, was indulged in with avidity, not only by European women of all classes, but by the Chinese also who attended the Empire Fair in 1932 and 1933 in such large numbers.

I trust that the incoming Committee of the K.R.A., elected on Friday last, will see fit to act on the suggestion now publicly advanced through the medium of the Press. The K.R.A. will confer a decided boon not only on Kowloon residents but also, primarily, on New Territories farmers who have hitherto gone about their business too modestly and not remunerated too well for their labours.

If the proposed plan, which has so much to commend itself, is adopted, it will mean for the K.R.A. the breaking of new ground. It strikes upon a novel and original effort which might be productive of benefits in more directions than one. The scheme need not be an elaborate or expensive one. The members, out of their willingness to co-operate, might be assisted by the ladies of Kowloon on appeal to organize the monthly Market Day in a way that will bring New Territories products to the better acquaintance of European and Chinese consumers. The scheme, if carried out, should directly help advertise the fact that the New Territories can and do produce vegetables, fruit, and flowers of improving quality and in greater quantity. These might be consumed by the inhabitants of Hong Kong to the benefit of the Colony at large. Moreover, the economic advantage to be gained is incalculable.

I feel sure the experiment shortly to be introduced by the New Territories Agricultural Association will be watched with considerable interest by the Community at large, from whom, if no material assistance can be expected in these difficult times, at least another form of help might be forthcoming in the purchases they might be induced to make on Market Days.

(Continued At Foot Of Next Col.)

10 Leading Stocks	Mar. 18	Mar. 19	Mar. 20
Amer. Smelting	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Auburn	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
J. I. Case	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Elco Bond & Share	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
General Motors	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Homogony Ward	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Nat. Distillers	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
N.Y. Central	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
U.S. Steel	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Business Done—\$10,000 shares			

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and by visits on these occasions to the grounds where the Market Day is proposed to be held.

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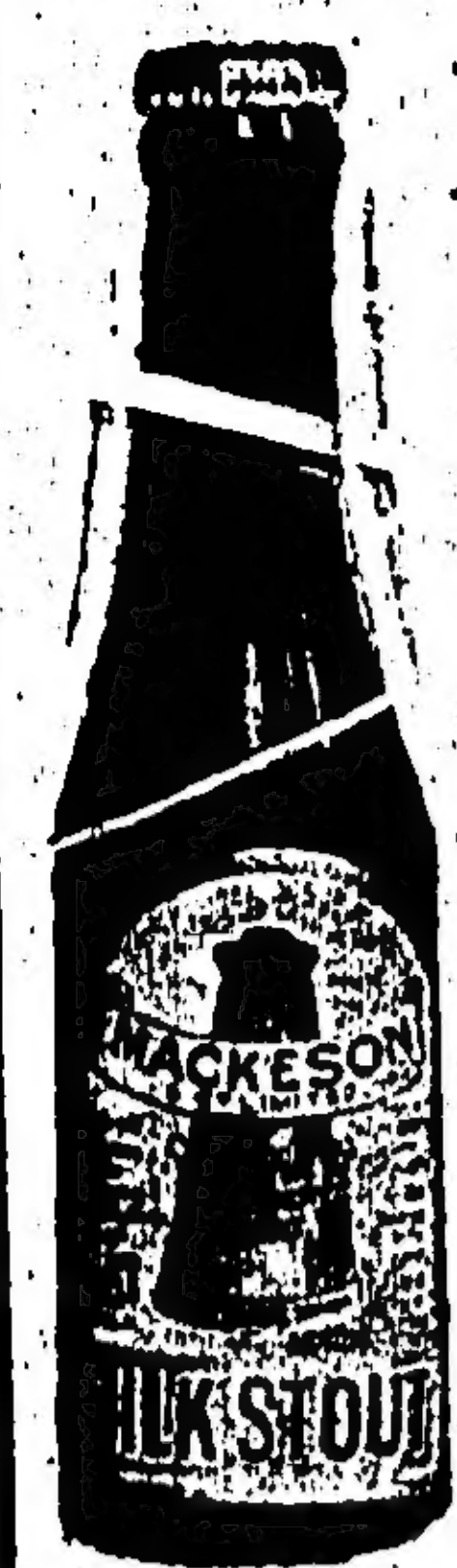
Yours faithfully,
(J. F. BRAGA)
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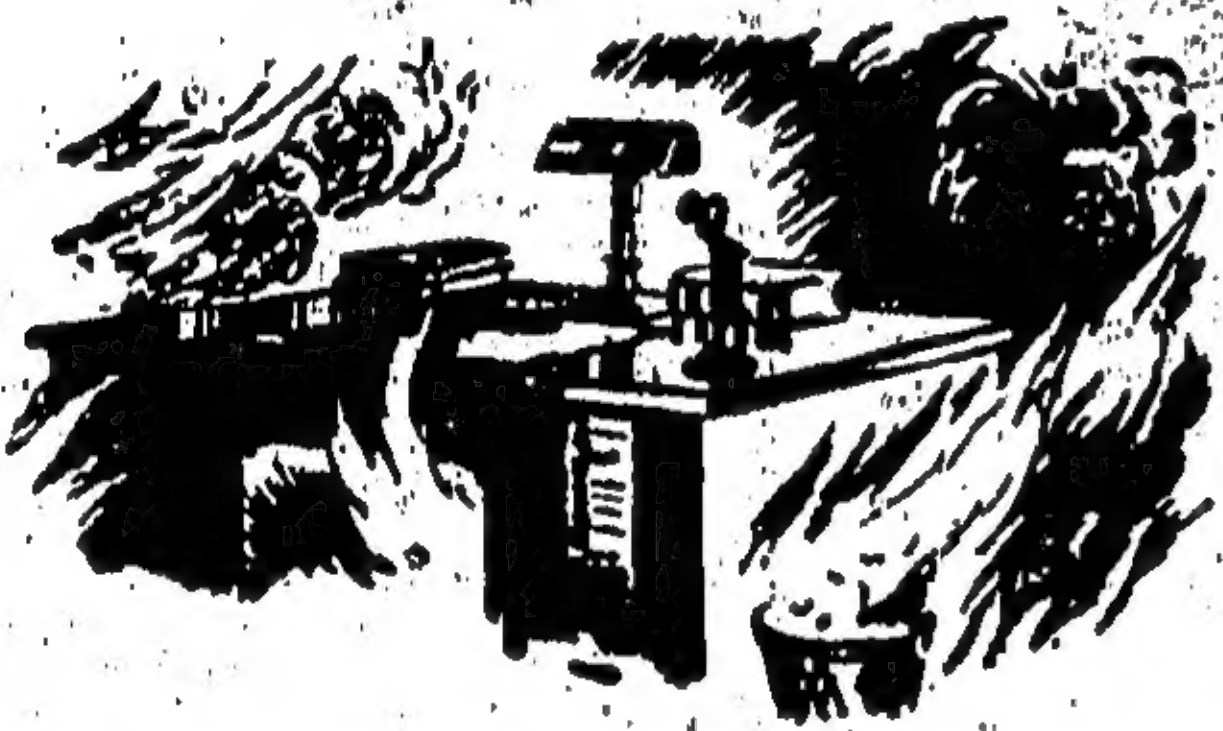
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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 20, 1935

General Smuts's Review

General Smuts is from some points of view a representative statesman of Empire. He brings into the councils of British Ministers an atmosphere from overseas; he expresses the general sentiment of the dominions which desires to see the League principles securely established, and feels that somehow diplomacy ought to be able to achieve that end. General Smuts has had considerable experience in freelance diplomacy in European capitals on behalf of the British Government, and has won a respected name there as well as in London. But his recent speech at the new branch Institute of International Affairs in Cape Town demonstrates certain limitations which, from the point of view of dominions of the Empire in the Pacific, forbid acceptance of his views without searching question. These views derive inspiration not so much from the dominions as from the United States. They hold up the ideal of "practical co-operation between Britain and America," the demonstration of this co-operation, says General Smuts, would impress Japan in certain eventualities, and "would probably suffice to ensure peace in the Pacific." The eventualities specified are that Japan "may pursue a policy threatening a new race in armaments, or the integrity of China, or the peace in the Far East." These statements are partisan; they involve a considerable distortion of facts, and must be calculated to do the world, and this region of it particularly, grave injury. For the answer to the Anglo-American "line-up" (supposing it were possible) against Japan would appear in an invigoration of the existent campaign in Japan and China of "Asia for the Asiatics."

This taint of racial antagonism in General Smuts's remarks is peculiarly South African. Incidentally, it is to be remarked that on the whole General Smuts's address is in striking opposition to that of his Cabinet colleague, Mr. Pirow. However, lightly opinion in South Africa or the United States may contemplate a racial "line-up" in demonstration against Asiatic nationalism, that policy cannot be one which Britain would accept, much less go half-way to meet. Another weakness in General Smuts's address is that, while he applauds the development of all-power regional pacts in Europe for maintaining peace by compromise and consultation, he appears to reject the notion of a similar and unexclusive regional pact in the Far East. And why is British policy committed to

advancement of League principles, to be made a handmaiden in the Far East of American policy, still rigidly isolationist? Does the ideal of "practical co-operation between Britain and America," offer any prospect of America's joining the League, the essential spirit of the new movement upon which General Smuts relies? There can be little value in talk of uniting British and American policy till we know what American policy is. On present showing, the advocacy of a common attitude against Japan by other Powers in the Far East is strongly suspect, and is based on misstatements of fact which ought not to go unchallenged by those who would assert peace and not the sword.

General Smuts's declaration that Japan's denunciation of the Washington Treaty has endangered peace is an instance. The Washington Treaty was of itself a very incomplete settlement of naval rivalry in the Pacific. It imposed the ratios in battleship strengths only, and the three chief naval Powers with difficulty agreed to a further treaty at London in 1930—for allotting the same ratios in cruisers and other classes. The London Treaty is due to expire in 1936, without denunciation by anybody, and that period was fixed because the earlier Washington Treaty specified the same period, December 31, 1936, for its own unconditional validity. There would have been a release from restrictions on naval building, whether or not Japan had denounced the Washington Treaty. Japan's denunciation of that instrument did not precipitate "a dangerous situation"; it may even prove to have done the cause of peace, a service by bringing into operation automatically a clause in the treaty which required the Powers, to meet within twelve months of such denunciation. It is from all aspects obvious that there ought to be a new conference. Further, when the Washington conference, due now to assemble before December 31 next, does meet, the Powers will have to face the realities of the Far Eastern situation more honestly than they did in 1922.

"BRITAIN" DUE ON SATURDAY.

The R.M.S. Empress of Britain, continuing her round-the-world trip, is due to arrive in Manila tomorrow from Zamboanga. She will sail from Manila on Thursday evening and is due to arrive here on Saturday morning at 6 o'clock.

Three cases of small-pox, six cases of diphtheria, six cases of typhoid fever, and four cases of meningitis were reported in the Colony during the week ended March 16. During the same period, one person died from small-pox, three from diphtheria, one from typhoid fever, one from meningitis, and 58 from tuberculosis.

HERE, THERE
and
EVERYWHERE

ARMY ON TOP

As in every change in Bulgaria since the murder of Stambulsky in 1923, the Army has come out on top in the latest Cabinet crisis.

General Zlateff, the new Prime Minister, is not only a soldier. He is vice-president of the Officers' League, the powerful association of serving officers. He is a staunch royalist.

His Minister of the Interior is also a soldier, Colonel Koleff. The Ministry of the Interior is all-important in a country where the maintenance of order is a difficult business.

Colonel Koleff is Commandant of the Sofia Military Academy. He succeeded Colonel Vetcheff, in "man behind the scenes" of the last Cabinet, in that post.

LONG-STANDING FEUD

Colonel Vetcheff's disagreement with the King was of long standing. It was both personal and political.

It began in 1923, when he was dismissed from the Military Academy by General Volkoff.

The year after his dismissal Colonel Vetcheff founded the Officers' League. This League allied itself last year with a group of politicians calling themselves "Zveno" ("The Link") to accomplish the coup d'etat which nearly lost Boris his throne.

Their Government had plans for a "Fascist" revision of the Constitution which would have left the choice of Ministers in the hands of a Council of State appointed by themselves. It would have substituted for the present single-Chamber Parliament an assembly on a corporate basis.

The plans were never accomplished, largely because of the support which the late King Alexander of Yugoslavia gave to King Boris.

Your Daily Smile!

A LA NEW ZEALAND
"Sometimes I don't speak for hours at a time."

"Thanks for those kind words."

Phyllis (to friend at dance): "I can't understand why you stayed out side so long with such a splendid dancer as Harry."

Kathleen: "He showed me some new steps, and we sat on them."

A middle-aged person in a person 10 years older than yourself.

"The traffic cop waved to the girl from the country, as she drove against his signal. Then he ran over to her. 'Why didn't you stop when I waved?' he contended."

"I'm not that sort of girl," she replied haughtily. "I'm from Gulgong."

U.S. ADMIRAL AGAIN FETED IN CANTON

RETIRING LATE IN
SUMMER

VISITOR TALKS OF VISIT
TO AUSTRALIA

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, To-day.
After a sojourn of four days in Canton, Admiral Frank B. Upham, Commander-in-Chief of the American Asiatic Fleet, will leave here at 2 p.m. to-day aboard his armed yacht, the U.S.S. Isabel for Hong Kong. At the end of the week he will leave Hong Kong aboard the cruiser U.S.S. Augusta for Amoy and Shanghai.

Declaring that his trip to Canton had no special significance, Admiral Upham told foreign correspondents aboard his yacht yesterday that he came to Canton to return the hospitality given to him on his previous visit. On the contrary, however, Chinese officials took him as a guest again and feted him extensively.

Nevertheless, the admiral was able to invite high Chinese officials, ranking members of the Consular staff, and leading members of the American community to dinners and luncheons on his ship.

The admiral said he left Shanghai on October 6, for Australia via Guam and visited Sydney and Melbourne in connection with the Centenary of the latter place. At Can-

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS WITH AMERICA TASKS & ACHIEVEMENTS OF AMBASSADORS

A REVIEW OF PAST 150 YEARS

(By Dr. Betty Morgan)

THERE are no two States whose friendly relations are of more practical value to each other, and whose hostility so inevitably and so immediately entails upon both the most serious mischief.

Thus, Castlereagh, speaking on England and America, in 1820. His sentiments were considerably in advance of his time. For most Englishmen of that period America was an upstart nation, barely civilised, incomprehensively republican, inclined to have absurd ideas about its own political and economic self-sufficiency.

Americans of the same generation looked upon England as the enemy in chief. For over a century after the Declaration of Independence England was the Aunt Sally of American elections. The misdeeds of France or Spain might be condoned, but the shortcomings of England were never in danger of being overlooked.

Diplomatic Missions

Nevertheless, a century later, Castlereagh's words are seen to have axiomatic significance, and their essential truth is accepted on both sides of the Atlantic. If "friendly relation" have been achieved, much is due to the thirty or so diplomatic representatives whom England has sent to Washington during the past 150 years.

There are many who held that the long day of the Ambassadors is done. Direct communication and conference between heads of Governments has become a European commonplace. Transoceanic telephones, wireless, and television may soon make the embassies of the world archaic as medieval fortresses.

The First Envoy

But in the past history of Anglo-American relations ambassadors and diplomatic envoys have played a most important part. In "Friendly Relations, A Narrative of British Ministers and Ambassadors to America (1781-1930)," published to-day by Lovat-Dickson (15s.), Mr. Beckles Willson pays our diplomats a long overdue tribute.

Representing the British Sovereign, and British power and dominion in a foreign land whose authentic foreignness was rather emphasised than concealed by English speech, and even by English political, religious, sartorial, and other resemblances, these envoys personified their country in America.

This is perhaps the most fascinating tale in the whole of diplomatic history. When the first British envoy went out to America the population of the country barely touched the five million mark. The only English diplomatist whom Grenville could find to take on the task of envoy to the new Republic was young George Hammond, 28 years of age, then Counsellor of Legation at Madrid. More experienced men were not to be tempted, even by £2,500 a year.

Hammond's Report

On Oct. 20, 1791, Hammond reached Philadelphia, the provisional Capital. "The President," he reported to Grenville, "received me with the utmost politeness and respect, and assured me that I should find not only in himself, but in every description of persons in this country, the sincerest alacrity to meet those friendly dispositions which his Majesty had been pleased to express."

When he met H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, he revealed.

Retirement Plans

It is learned that Admiral Upham will retire in late summer when he will hand over the command to Rear-Admiral O. G. Murn, who will be promoted to full admiral (temporary rank). Admiral Upham will stay in Washington, D.C., after he leaves the navy on pension.

Mrs. Upham did not come to Canton. She will shortly leave Manila for Shanghai to rejoin her husband.

Wong Kam-fung, a widow residing at No. 11, Boundary Street, was aged 82 by Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for failing to report the change of address of a relative and lost, Chai Kwai.

George Washington's impressions of King George's accredited representative are unhappily not on record.

After Hammond, a long line of English envoys (they did not become ambassadors until 1893) struggled with their difficult and unprecedented task. At first the situation was serio-comic.

A Growing Giant

Anthony Merry, our third envoy, complained in a despatch to Hawkesbury that Jefferson had received him "in his usual morning attire." What that attire was we learn from a Senator who had recently visited the White House.

"In a few moments after our arrival a tall, high-boned man came into the room. He was dressed, or rather undressed, in an old brown coat, red waistcoat, old corduroy small-clothes much soiled, woollen hose, and slippers without heels. I thought him a servant, when General Varnum surprised me by announcing that he was the President."

The growing pains of this giant among nations led to one difficult situation after another. There were futile attempts in London to elicit the American Minister, followed by equally futile efforts to insult the British Minister in Washington. America's torn between her desire to wash her hands of Europe, and her inability to keep out of commercial disputes with England and France.

Actual War Averted

Ambassadors like Augustus Forster, Sir Stratford Canning, Henry Stephen Fox, and Lord Lyons performed miracles of diplomacy. More than once in the 150 years actual war was averted.

One curious little war did, however, take place. It lasted from 1812-14, and was purely a trade dispute, arising out of American resentment against the Orders in Council issued by England as a counter-blast to Napoleon's Berlin decrees. It was terminated by the Treaty of Ghent. In English history it is quite overshadowed by the Napoleonic wars.

In the course of his narrative Mr. Willson supplies many intimate glimpses of American scene and character—Theodore Roosevelt, in the midst of a blizzard, running round the streets of Washington in a jersey, for exercise; or on a different occasion, ordering the flag at White House to be lowered to half-mast upon the death of Sir Julian Pauncefote, "not because he was British Ambassador, but because he was a damn good fellow," the aged Lafayette saying a tearful farewell to the country whose cause he had served half a century before; Sir Edward Thornton plugging Queen Victoria's Ministers to give him a permanent residence.

Most Dramatic Scene

The eyes of a British Ambassador did not witness the most dramatic of all American scenes. Sir Frederick William Adolphus Bruce, brother of Lord Elgin, landed in New York on April 7, 1865, in time to refuse to be presented to Abraham Lincoln on February 14, on the ground that it was Good Friday. Sir Frederick was also a little scandalised to be invited to a theatre on that same date.

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Judge: "Did you call the plaintiff a fool and a rogue?"
Accused: "I cannot say for sure, but the more I look at the plaintiff, the more I am inclined to say so."

"MAC" FETED BY THE CHINESE "Y" AND FRIENDS

The Man Who Raised The Association

GLOWING TRIBUTES PAID ON EVE OF DEPARTURE

Mr. J. L. MacPherson, M.A., M.B.E., was the guest of honour of the Directors, staff, and members of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association and other Chinese friends at a farewell dinner given on the eve of his retirement at the Kam Loong Restaurant last night.

The eulogistic nature of the speeches, without exception, testified to the popular esteem in which Mr. MacPherson is held by his many Chinese friends, with whom he has worked for the past 30 years as General Secretary and later as Advisory General Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Among the large gathering present were Messrs. Wong Kam-ying, Sun Che-hing, Szeo Chung, Yeung Shiu-chuen, A. Allen, Chiu Kam-tao, Cheng Con-sang, Ma Ying-piu, Ngan Shing-kwan, Wong Sum-kun, Lam Chi-sing, Ma Wing-cham, Ng Tung-kai, Pastor Yung Ting-sang, David W. K. Au, Wong Mau-lam, Kwong Hong-chiu, Chak Tai-kwong, Wong Cheung-lam, W. C. Young, Ho Tak-on, Wm. C. H. Chan, Ko Sik-wai, Pastor Ho Sum-yu, Wong Wai, Fung Yiu-kun, Ho Yan-tak, Cheng Chung-leung, Kwok Pui-cheung, Fung Iu-wing, Rev. Li Kau-yan, Lee Yuk-long, Rev. Wong O-tong, Chan Tat-sam, Lau Ding-sam, Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling, Lam Chi-fung, Phoon Seck-wah, Mann K. Wong, P. C. Kwok, Ngan Kwan-yu, Lee Ka-fun, Lo Chuk-fan, Cheung Lo-kau, and E. H. Munson.

It was interesting to note that at the official table, which was occupied by eight of Mr. MacPherson's closest associates and colleagues, the aggregate of the guests' ages was 627 years. They were Mr. MacPherson, the Rev. Yung Pak, Messrs. Ma Wing-cham, H. A. Allen, Jan Con-sang, Jim Kai, Ma Ying-piu, J. M. Wong, and Lau Ting-sam. After listening to enthusiastic eulogies to himself, Mr. MacPherson said: "This Association has been a pioneer in the launching of schemes for the betterment of the community, some of which schemes have been adopted and furthered by other institutions. But it is too generous of you to attribute this development solely, or even principally, to my efforts."

New Era Of Prosperity
"It has been a real joy and privilege to have had a small part in this work, and I shall never forget that together we have shared its difficulties and its triumphs. I feel confident that this Association, under its present able leadership, is now entering upon a new era of prosperity, and I confidently anticipate hearing of its continued growth."

The gathering was addressed by Messrs. Lam Chi-fung, Wong Mau-lam, Cheng Con-sang, E. H. Munson, South China Divisional Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the Rev. Wong O-tong, and David W. K. Au, President of the Association. The following are extracts from Messrs. Lam Chi-fung's and David W. K. Au's speeches:

One Vast Enterprise
Mr. Lam Chi-fung said:—

"Much of the good work of the Chinese Young Men's Christian Association is due to Mr. MacPherson's inspiration and untiring efforts. When he first came to Hong Kong, the Association was a small institution. It did not own its premises, but instead carried on activities in rented quarters. Now, the Association owns three large buildings with modern equipment to carry on all the activities conducive to the moral, mental, and physical welfare of young men. From a few members it has grown to 2,500 in membership. Much of the progress, both spiritual and material of the Association, however, is owed to his continuous upbuilding and constructive service. It is now the leading institution in Hong Kong."

"Mr. MacPherson completed his 30 years of service on March 14, and he is leaving for England this Friday. We will miss him very much, but he will be long remembered as one of the outstanding Hong Kong personalities. Let us all wish Mr. MacPherson bon voyage."

A Living Monument
Mr. Au said:—

"One may ask what is Mr. MacPherson's reward for all his labours? It is true that in recognition of his services, the Association has decided to award him a pension of £1,000 per annum for the next five years."

SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR PICTURES

China Entertainment And Land Investment Co.'s Annual Meeting

SIXTY-CENT DIVIDEND

The fifth annual meeting of the China Entertainment and Land Investment Co., Ltd. was held at noon to-day in the Company's Board Room, King's Theatre Building.

The Chair was taken by Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman of Directors. The following shareholders were present:—Messrs. Chang Kwai-chong, George Yan-kit Sun, Liang Chi-hao, Chang Kwai-on, Chang Kwai-in, Chang Kwai-yuen, Li Jowson (Directors) Tang Fook, P. M. Hodgson, Li Lin-chi, Chang Chong, C. N. Sherman and Fung Fook Tin.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

The Secretary, Mr. George Y. Sun, read the notice convening the meeting, after which the Chairman spoke as follows:—

Higher Theatre Receipts
"You will see from the Profit and Loss Account that the balance from Working Account shows a slight increase in the earnings of the theatre as compared with those of the preceding year, thanks to retrenchments effected by your Directors in various directions."

"On the other hand, there has been a slight decrease in rents of offices and shops in the King's Theatre Building, due to the fact that we had, in some cases, to reduce the rent in order to help the restaurant and other tenants who were affected by the adverse trade conditions."

"During the past year many well-known films were screened in our theatre, and for the current year we have selected an even stronger line of special pictures, which I am confident will prove equally popular and entertaining to our patrons."

Sixty-Cent Dividend

"The net profit for the year, after writing off \$23,541.13 and reserving \$10,000 against Film Rights, amounts to \$59,953.23 and with the balance of \$1,477.01 brought forward from the previous year, the amount available for distribution is \$61,430.24. Your Directors recommend paying a dividend of 60 cents for share for the year, which I think under the circumstances is satisfactory. This absorbs \$59,914.80 and leaves a balance of \$1,515.44 to be carried forward to next year's account."

The report and accounts were seconded by Mr. Li Lin-chi and passed unanimously.

Fewer Directors

A motion that the number of Directors be reduced to 12 was then proposed by Mr. Wong Pak-fung, seconded by Mr. Chang Chong and passed unanimously and the following were elected Directors for the year:—Sir Shouson Chow, Messrs. Chang Fat, Liang Chi-hao, Li Jowson, George Yan-kit Sun, Chang Kwai-chong, Chang Kwai-yuen, Chang Kwai-in, Chang Kwai-on, Li Lin-chi and Dr. W. S. Ts'o.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors at a fee of \$600 per annum.

Reduced Admission?

Mr. Charles M. Sherman, a shareholder, asked whether the Board had given any consideration to the question of a reduction of prices of admission to the theatre in view of the present bad state of business and the rise in the dollar. He understood that the trade of certain shops

Embezzler Gaoled After Making Clean Breast Of Everything

Pleading guilty to the embezzlement of \$6,315.25 from Messrs. Heung Yuen Company, Limited, Chan Wai Ying, alias Chan Yu Nung, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court this morning.

Mr. M. K. Lo, appearing for the complainant, said that in view of the defendant's plea of guilty, he would not press the case, and also did not wish to say anything regarding punishment. He asked the magistrate to take into consideration, when passing sentence, the fact that defendant made no attempt to deny the charge and had promised to repay the money.

Mr. Peter H. Sin appeared for the defendant, and pleaded for a lenient view to be taken of the

ISLAND ROAD MANSLAUGHTER CASE RESUMED

Occupant Of Fiat Gives Evidence

POSITION OF TWO CARS AT COLLISION

Evidence of the facts preceding the collision and of the actual impact were given at the Supreme Court this morning when the case in which Leung Yim, lorry driver, is charged with the manslaughter of Lau Cheuk-so, was continued before His Honour the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. A. MacGregor.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, the assistant Attorney-General, appeared on behalf of the Crown, while the defendant was represented by Mr. R. C. H. Lim.

The jury enpanelled for the case consisted of Messrs. Eric Henry Watts, Kai Henning Secher, Allan Wheeler, Lam Wan-po, Sia Ho-kat, Thomas Wong and Chui Hong-fang.

Hau Ching-to said he was 20 years of age and lived at No. 16 Ming Fat Street.

His two brothers, Hau Ching-kai and Hau Tsui-siu, were in the Fiat motor car with him when it came into collision with a motor lorry on the Island Road on January 29, when three of the occupants were killed.

Witness said that Hau Tsui-siu was driving the Fiat, and there were two young boys sharing the front seat with him, while the rear of the car was occupied by five passengers. Collision inevitable

The Fiat car was about four feet from the left of the road, while the lorry was travelling down the centre of the road, making no attempt to steer clear.

Near Mr. Eu Tong Sen's house, the lorry came across the road obliquely and collided with the middle of the right hand side of their car. Witness was one of the injured and was rushed to hospital.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lim, witness said he was not sure how far the car, in actual measurement, was from the left side of the road. Witness could not say whether the car was travelling at 25 miles an hour or whether it was eight feet from the left side of the road, but denied that the car was on the wrong side and that the collision was caused by attempting to get on the right side.

16-Year-Old's Evidence
Shun Po-chuen, aged 16, said he was another of the passengers in the Fiat motor-car. Witness could not give any estimate of the distance from the left side of the road but said the car was travelling at a moderate speed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lim, witness admitted that prior to the collision their car swerved sharply to the left, how much he could not say. The hearing is continuing this afternoon.

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which previously did good business with tourists and visitors to the Colony was being affected by this rise in the dollar, which might eventually affect the King's Theatre.

The Chairman replied that the Board would go into this matter thoroughly, in the interest of their shareholders; but they had the experience of a neighbouring theatre to consider also. It had reduced its prices, but was eventually compelled to revert to the former scale.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

To-day's Short Story.

The Manacled Man

By K. H. Lumsford

HORMACK, playing solitaire had been rapping on the door, not in the kitchen, glanced up with his knuckles, but with the barrel of a .33.

"Half-past ten!" he mumbled, as he stretched himself. Better—

A sudden noise at the front of the house claimed his attention. Someone was knocking at the door. For a moment he sat very still, except that his glance shifted uneasily about. He seemed to be listening.

The knocking sounded again. Hormack, unbending his six feet three inches of well-knit frame, rose from his seat only to stand for a time without further movement. The knocking was repeated at regular intervals.

Finally he started across the room. When he had almost reached the door leading into the front room he stopped suddenly, went back, and slipped into the coat that had been hanging on the back of his chair. From one of its side pockets he brought out a short-barrelled revolver of heavy calibre. Swiftly he examined it, twirling the cylinder. Satisfied, apparently, he returned it to his coat pocket. His hand remained in the pocket. With his other hand he picked up the kerosene lamp, carried it into the front room, and placed it on a table before going to the door upon which the intermittent pounding persisted. Keeping carefully to one side, he opened the door ever so slightly.

Two men stood on the porch. One was a husky-looking fellow of perhaps thirty, almost as tall as Hormack himself. He it was who

KOWLOON CITY ROBBERY CASE AT SESSIONS

Accused Falls Into Pond During Chase

COMPLAINANT TELLS OF EXCITING NIGHT

A robbery carried out by two Chinese men wearing Balacava caps and armed with electric torches and a toy pistol at Taku Ling Village, Kowloon City, in the early hours of January 30, was recalled at the Supreme Court this morning, when the case in which Tsang Pang-sun is charged on counts of robbery by two or more, was continued before the Puisne Judge, Mr. R. E. Lindell.

Mr. W. J. Lockhart Smith, assistant Crown Solicitor, is conducting the case on behalf of the Crown. The accused denied both counts and the following jury was called:—Messrs. E. G. N. Grimble (Foreman), Ho Kim-chee, H. W. Hammond, Ngan Sing-kwan, Ho Kam-sang, F. F. Wuthrich and R. C. M. Sales.

Facts of Case
It is alleged that defendant with two or more other men robbed Lai Lai-chan of clothing and a silver ring; Ngan Yee of clothing and a Tsang Hi of clothing; Tsang Tsui razor; Tsang Yuet of 80 cents; of three children's rattan bangles mounted with gold and clothing; and Yeung Kuk-ying of an overcoat.

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LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

The S.S. Carthage is due here from Shanghai at 6 a.m. on Friday.

For the theft of a silver wrist watch from Wong Hoi, Wan Chuen, unemployed, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court this morning.

A further remand of one week was granted in the case against Yeung Kin-ping, former Shanghai bank-manager, whose extradition is being sought by northern authorities on a charge of embezzlement, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

It is proposed to hold a "Gunner Remembrance" at an early date for all ranks (past and present) of the Royal Artillery. The reunion will take the form of a dinner at a local restaurant. It is hoped that all ex-gunners in the Colony will endeavour to attend. Those who wish to do so are asked to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Gunner Remembrance Committee, Headquarters, Royal Artillery, China Command.

QUOTING VISCOUNT BYNG, FIRST BARON OF VIMY, AFTER VIEWING "THE LIVES OF A BENGAL LANCER" PARAMOUNT'S TRIBUTE TO THE ANGLO-SAXON SPIRIT OF EMPIRE.

"The picture affected me deeply, and reminded me of my days in the British Army more than any film I have yet seen. It was amazing to me that Hollywood, so remote from the Indian frontier, could have so faithfully preserved both the spirit and the tradition of the military service."

Naturally, being a soldier, my first thought was to look for tactical errors in the manoeuvring of troops, but with one slight exception during a battle scene (when errors in formation are permissible and sometimes necessary) I found the picture to be remarkably accurate; so much so that I can commend it very highly.

Personally, this film affected me with its spirit of heroism and sacrifice and I am unashamed to say that there were tears in my eyes when it ended. I should feel safe in saying that it will appeal to Englishmen as a whole and that more critical element in India who are nearer to its subject matter.

Lady Byng enjoyed it as much as I and we both desire to congratulate the Director, Henry Hathaway, and the Actors, Gary Cooper, Franchot Tone, Richard Cromwell and Sir Guy Standing who made it so interesting and real. Our countryman, Sir Guy Standing, gave an outstanding performance in the best spirit of the service he represented."

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The Manacled Man

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partly open for ventilation. He drew both of the shades all the way down.

Turning at last, he cast a final glance at the man on the cot. Apparently satisfied, he gestured to Hormack and followed him into the other room, stopping to close the door behind them. Hormack, placing the light on the table, stood for a moment as though undecided before slouching over and sitting down in the chair the manacled man had so briefly occupied.

The Federal man proceeded to make himself at home. Going over to the table he laid his revolver on it, pulled up a chair, took off his coat and holster, hung them over the back of it, and sat down. From various pockets he produced several official-looking papers and a fountain pen.

"Might as well make out my report on this delay," He wrote rapidly for a moment, stopped, and looked up. "What's your name?" he asked.

"Hormack."

"Hormack, eh?" The officer frowned, and repeated the name thoughtfully. "Any relation to the fellow they picked up the other day in connection with that big mail robbery at the Springs?"

Hormack shifted in his chair. "Brother."

The Government man straightened, stared, then spoke slowly, shaking his head. "Well, what do you know about that?"

Hormack made no reply. The officer suddenly leaned forward. "I've certainly got some good news for you!" He jerked one hand toward the side room. "Know who that is in there?"

Hormack shook his head. "He's the guy, or one of 'em, that really pulled the job over at the Springs!"

Hormack remained silent.

"And my car," the other fellow continued, "breaks down and lands the tow of us here ... of all places! Can you tie that?"

He slowly shook his head, turned back to the table, and picked up his pen. "Well, they'll turn your brother loose when I get in with this bozo. After all, it's a Federal case." He faced around toward Hormack again. "It was the sheriff who arrested your brother, wasn't it?"

Hormack nodded.

"Found his car in the ditch after the get-away, or something like that, didn't he?"

Hormack had lost his indolent slouch. His pose of surly indifference vanished, too.

"Yeah! And wouldn't let him explain!" His tone was indignant.

The officer shook his head. "County men are apt to be a bit hasty at times. But I understand they just held him for investigation ... he isn't actually charged with the crime. The way I heard it, no one actually saw him at the Springs, and they didn't locate him anywhere near the scene. Where did they find him, anyway?"

Hormack snorted. "Right here at home, in bed! Come a-bustin' in here at night with pistols in their hands like we was a couple o' murderers or something! Tore up the whole place lookin' for the stuff that was stolen! Even ripped open the mattresses! And didn't find a thing! Couple o' deputies wanted to take me along, too, but the sheriff's known me for ten years."

"If you're going to make it."

"No trouble. Fire's still goin'."

The stranger's gaze did not follow him as Hormack crossed the room and went into the unlighted kitchen, where he could be heard moving about, opening, closing and fastening the door and putting something on the stove. Several minutes passed before he came back into the front room, carrying two cups of steaming coffee.

The Government man had moved the armchair over by the table. Seated in it, he was leisurely filling a pipe.

"Smo's good. Help me to keep awake, too."

"Never bothers my sleepin'," said Hormack.

The two men sipped their coffee in silence. Hormack pushed back their empty cups after a couple of minutes. Hormack got to his feet again.

"Going to need the lamp?" asked the officer.

"Hormack shook his head as he started across to what evidently was his own room on the opposite side of the house from the one assigned to the manacled man. Without looking around, he muttered something he might have intended as "good night," opened the door,

I've been around here all my life. Reckon they think that just because Eben's been away until a short time ago that they can pin something on him."

"How long since your brother came back home?"

"Been back for a couple o' months now. Why?" suspiciously.

"Just wondered. Doesn't matter, anyway. The whole thing'll be over as soon as we get in to-morrow. I've got the real crook. No doubt about that. I caught him with the goods ... had the stuff right on him. Having it in his possession is enough to convict him. He says he found it."

"Sounds fishy," said Hormack, as he rolled another cigarette.

"I'll say it does! He found it where he had it buried. I hope no one finds it to-night. Had it right in my car ... but I hid it ... cleverly enough, I think, so that no one will find it to-night. Couldn't carry it with me."

"Maybe I better guard it for you," suggested Hormack. "Where'd you break down?"

"Half a mile east." The Federal man pointed. "But I don't think you'd better bother. Folks might say strange things on account of your brother."

"Yeah ... they might."

The officer returned to his writing, and for several minutes all was quiet in the room save for the scratch of pen on paper and the tramping of feet as Hormack slowly paced the floor.

The visitor ignored the man's apparent restlessness. He gathered his papers together, put them in his pocket, and glanced at his watch.

"No bed for me to-night," he announced. "I'm taking no chances. I may cat-nap a bit in the easy chair there, dropping in to give that fellow a once-over now and then. Of course," he chuckled, "he can't very well leave without taking the cot along with him, but ..."

He lowered his voice suddenly, "well, I'm not so sure that job at the Springs was a one-man affair. Only one man pulled the actual robbery. We know that. But I figure he may have had a pal in on it for the get-away. If he did, the other guy would know by now that he's arrested, and he might tag along and try to start something. Get the idea?"

"That's all it is ... just an idea. But on my job it pays to have ideas ... sometimes. That's why I was taking this mountain road in instead of the better one down in the valley ... and why I didn't fancy the notion of staying outdoors the rest of the night ... and why you see me keeping one hand near my gun."

"Good ideas," his host grunted.

For the first time the stranger appeared to notice that Hormack seemed unable to keep still.

"Look here, man. No reason at all for this to bother you. There's only one chance in a thousand that any accomplice of this fellow ... and, remember, I don't even know that he's got a pal ... has trailed us here. Even if he did, you won't need to mix in. No need losing your sleep either. Go on to bed. I'll stand watch and call you about five."

"Yeah, might as well turn in, I guess. Gettin' late!" He glanced at the big wall clock. "I'll lock up out back. Think I'll make a cup of coffee before I hit the hay. Like to have a cup?"

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stepped inside, and closed it behind him.

Having shut the door, he bolted it. For a long minute he made no further movement.

Finally, he turned and stepped toward a bed that could be seen plainly in the light from a window, stopped, appeared to hesitate, then went quickly and noiselessly back to the door, dropped on one knee and looked through the keyhole. He could see only the feet and lower part of the legs of the man in the armchair. After a bit he got up, went over to the window and raised both its shade and sash considerably higher, after which he sat down on the bed and rolled a cigarette. He had just lit it when his head came up, his manner instantly tense. Sounds were coming from the other room.

Rising swiftly, he tiptoed over and knelt once more, his eye at the keyhole. He could see nothing now of the man in the other room, but he could hear him moving about, finally opening the door into the room occupied by the man in manacles. The man's movements seemed slow and sluggish, but he was apparently only carrying out his announced intentions of going in to look at his prisoner occasionally.

Something of Hormack's tension eased, yet he remained there on his knees until he heard the other door close again and the Government man came back into view, sat down in the armchair, leaned over, untied his shoes and removed them, then drew a straight-backed chair closer, put his feet up on it, and settled himself.

Hormack rose to his feet at last and went to the window, walking slowly.

Turning, finally, he took off his coat and hung it over a chair. Then he sprawled across the bed, without turning back the covers or removing any more of his clothing. His eyes did not close.

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Considerable significance was attached by commentators on the Hauptmann trial to the fact that Mrs. Ethel Stockton, one of the jurors, met Hauptmann's glance with a smile as he left the stand after his long grilling.

BRITAIN'S RELATIONS WITH AMERICA

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"I have not met honest Abe yet," he wrote home to a member of his family on the afternoon of Good Friday, "as my formal presentation does not occur until to-morrow. But if we were to go to the theatre to-night, as so many of our American cousins doubtless intend to do (for it seems that the most solemn church festivals are disregarded by most of the natives here), I could contemplate the great man at close quarters."

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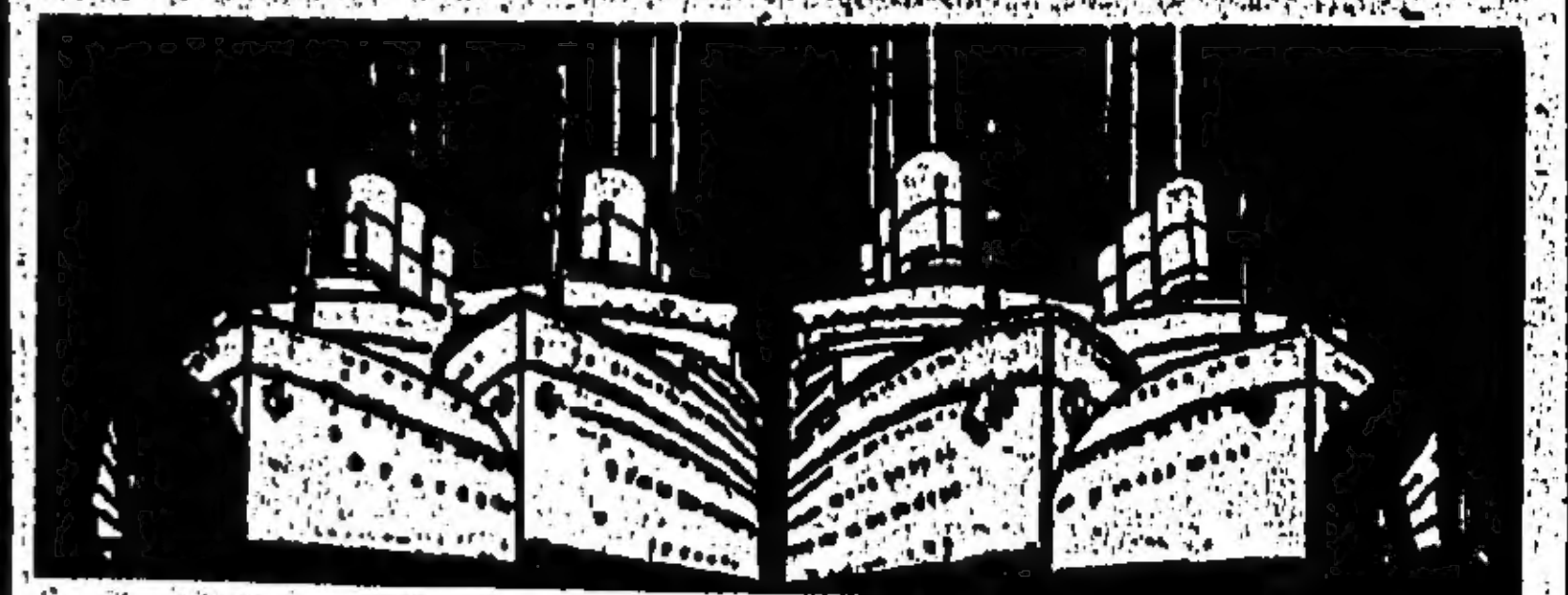
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THE MANACLED MAN

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He sat up on the edge of the bed again after perhaps three-quarters of an hour, rolled and smoked another cigarette. He got up then, went to the window and stood for a moment before he picked up his coat and put it on, patting the revolver in its pocket, reassuringly. Walking on the balls of his feet, he crossed the room and knelt once more at the door.

The man in the other room evidently had turned the wick of the lamp well down. He could still be seen in the dim light, however, sitting in the armchair with his feet up on the other one. He made no movement, no sound. Hornack rose after a little and went back to the window. Catlike, he stepped out through it, without any noise, to the ground.

He took several rapid steps, keeping close to the side of the house, then turned with his back against it. His gaze searched all about. Each stump and stone, each bit of underbrush, every tree was familiar to him. He waited for several minutes, watching and listening. No sound or movement could have escaped him. Finally he made his way to the front of the building.

The revolver was out in his hand now. He skirted the porch and dodged into the shadows at the side of the room where the prisoner was being kept. The window shade lacked only an inch or two of being flush with the sill, but, by stooping, he could see into the room. The door connecting with the front room had swung partly open. Hornack remembered the faulty catch. He could see through into the front room.

The officer still sprawled out on his two chairs. His shoes were off. His shirt was opened at the throat. He had finished smoking and his pipe lay beside his revolver on the table at his side. He was, quite obviously, sound asleep.

No sound came from within. Shaken as he was, there seemed little chance that he would cause the Government man any alarm.

Hornack moved out a short distance from the house and stopped again.

For a time there was nothing. Then suddenly his head jerked up. Had that been something that stirred ever so little—a darker shadow among the shadows?

He leaned forward, raising his gun instinctively. Long, quick strides took him to the edge of the clearing at the spot where he had, for an instant, seemed to see something move. There he paused.

Convinced at last that his eyes had deceived him, he moved off between the trees with the soundless stealth of a hunting animal. But he did not go east, turning instead directly south, directly away from the road. Gradually his speed increased as he left the house behind, but there was no let-up on his wariness. Twice he halted abruptly, thinking he had heard an unusual noise. The second time he even retracted his steps for 30 or 40 yards to investigate. Finding nothing amiss after carefully searching about, he resumed his journey even more hurriedly on account of the delay.

Coming to a stretch of higher ground with but few trees, he almost trotted in his growing haste.

Five minutes later he again paused abruptly, glanced cautiously all around, then swung sharply to the left, crossed over, and stopped at the foot of a gaunt, storm-twisted pine. Pulling away a pile of loose brush, he dropped to his knees, put the revolver down beside him, produced a sheath knife and began poking and prodding the ground with its heavy blade, loosening the soil enough to scoop it away with his hands.

The task grew easier as it progressed, the earth finally becoming so soft that he was able to discard the knife. He toiled that much faster, pawing away the dirt with both hands, seeming suddenly to be seized with a sort of frenzy. At last, bending lower with a hoarse exclamation, he scraped about frantically, jerked and tagged at something, and started to rise, clutching it in his hands.

Oddly excited, entirely engrossed in what he was doing, the noise suddenly made by a rock that hurtled and bounded, clattering about among the trees, caught him so completely off guard that he started the thought of the revolver at his feet. Did not come to him. Midway in the act of rising, he automatically continued to an erect position, his fingers clinging in-

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Clues

- ACROSS**
- Two-word title of picture
 - A decade
 - Silent, slang
 - Fifth letter of the alphabet
 - Neuter pronoun
 - Motion
 - Printer's measure
 - Justing rock
 - Sound of escaping steam
 - A fold in cloth
 - Hawaiian pits for roasting
 - Ballot
 - Wormlike letter
 - AS
 - Letter that follows Q
 - Eighth letter
 - Yes in Spanish
 - Kind of fish
 - Initial letter of alphabet
 - A Spring month
 - Fate
 - Thibetan gazelle
 - Clue
 - Was before marriage
 - And in Latin
 - Ruler in north-west Mexico
 - Royal Navy
 - Letter preceding O
 - Object in view
 - Wing
 - Letter following S
 - Peculiar natures of people
- DOWN**
- Two-worded title of film
 - Letter preceding S
 - Neuter pronoun
 - A beverage
 - Part of a foot
 - Letter following R
 - Letter preceding I
 - Andy's partner
 - Firearm
 - Printer's measure
 - Letter following L
 - Letter following S
 - Man's shortened name
 - Note of the scale
 - Exists
 - Consume
 - Country of the Soviet
 - World's largest city
 - 26 1/2 Earth
 - Useless
 - Decay
 - Overly poetic
 - Residence
 - Not out
 - Negative
 - Streetcar, British
 - Slight drink
 - Beverage
 - Part of to be
 - Indefinite article

Two other competitions will be found on Page 7.

instinctively to what he held.

Upright, he stood for an instant with no power of motion, before turning his head. The moon was up now, and he stared dazedly at what he saw. His mouth sagged open, as he recognised the man standing there a few yards from him.

The stocky fellow was wearing no handcuffs—no leg-irons now. He had no hat on either, and one could see that the black eye and the scar on the jaw had been wiped off like so much paint. A competent-looking Colt's .38 was in one hand as he advanced casually.

"So Jimmy's story of finding the swag finally got you to digging, eh?" The stranger flashed a light over the scene and kicked aside Hornack's revolver.

"I certainly had a wait for you, though. Began to think you never would leave the house. My partner came in and unlocked me right after you went to your room, and a good thing he did, I guess. Told me he was pretty sure you'd doped him."

"Aw, he'll be okay, snarled Hornack. "Only a sleeping powder. "He'd better be all right. You nearly caught me napping that one time, too, while I was trailing you."

He dropped the flashlight on the soft earth, the light still aglow. It gave him an idea, and he wedged it into the pile of soil so that the circle of light encompassed Hornack.

This done, he stepped closer, gun alert. The big fellow simply stood there with crouched jaw and un-bellering eyes. There was a glint of metal in the light and the click of handcuffs.

"I'm a Federal officer, too, Hornack," he felt it necessary to explain. "And Jimmy's idea that your brother had an accomplice seems to have been entirely correct. You're under arrest!"

Reaching over then he carefully, almost gently, removed the mail sack from Hornack's bound and nerveless hands.

BRIDGE NOTES

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- North:**
- S—4
 - H—A 6 5
 - D—
 - C—2
- West:**
- S—K 9
 - H—10 9 8
 - D—
 - C—
- East:**
- S—Q J 10 7
 - H—
 - D—
 - C—J
- South:**
- S—A 2
 - H—Q 2
 - D—10
 - C—

South having led the diamond Ten, West must unguard his spade King, for otherwise Dummy's third heart would win a trick.

South now throws the Ace of hearts from Dummy, his effort to establish it having failed and East is able to throw a spade without fear, since he still has two suits securely guarded.

Even when South leads the heart Queen, East is still in no difficulty, but when South finally plays the heart deuce and wins with Dummy's Ace, East finds himself finally unable to withstand the pressure of time. His unfortunate predicament is the same as was West's two plays before. He cannot throw the club, for it would establish Dummy's deuce. He is therefore forced to release his Jack of spades, whereupon Dummy's four of spades is led, and after South's Ace has dropped West's King, and East's Queen, the spade deuce wins the last and decisive trick.

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Possible Resumption Of Great War

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could not be allowed to remain fifth among air powers in terms of first-line strength.

EXAGGERATED REPORTS

At the same time Sir Philip Sassoon refuted the exaggerated accounts of the weakness of the British air forces, and point out that only France and Russia possessed substantially greater first-line strength. The United States and Italy had only a small margin of superiority in numbers of aircraft, and they had actually less qualified pilots on their active lists than the Royal Air Force.

The machines at the disposal of the Royal Air Force were inferior to none in design and performance, but technical progress was so rapid that a strenuous re-equipment programme was necessary, in addition to an increase in the total numbers. He hoped it would be possible in future to shorten the time taken to bring new types into production.

BRITISH EXPORTS UP

The British aircraft industry was more than holding its own and the value of its exports in 1934 rose by 31 per cent. Twenty-nine foreign countries were using British aeroplanes, and 33 had taken British aero engines.

Meanwhile, the expansion of the Royal Air Force necessitated in the first place additional stations and aerodromes, and this accounted for the greater part of the increase of approximately £3,250,000 on the last 1934 estimates.

CIVIL AVIATION PROGRESS

Turning to civil aviation, Sir Philip Sassoon paid tribute to the work of the Imperial Airways in 1934. The weight of some 3,000,000 letters sent by air from Britain last year was 122 tons, an increase of 48 per cent. on the total for 1933.

In consequence of the recent 10-year agreements with Italy and the provisional understanding which has been reached with France, Imperial Airways planned soon to operate an inter-service through to Brindisi with small mail-carrying aircraft. A full service by large aircraft would be brought into operation when the Company's fleet had been augmented to make up for the heavy demands caused by the recent duplication of the Empire Services.

The Air Ministry, Post Office, and Imperial Airways were continuing to co-operate on the long-term policy aiming at quicker and more frequent services and carriage of all first-class Empire mails by air without surcharge. The scheme would be on the collaboration of the Dominions, India, and the Colonies, and on the provision of £2,000,000 fresh capital to extend the Imperial Airways fleet.

AIR MINISTRY OFFER PRIZE

Sir Philip stated that the Air Ministry was offering a £25,000 prize for the best medium size commercial aeroplane produced by a British firm, and were preparing to construct two experimental machines with which they might eventually try for high and distance records.

He expressed optimism in regard to the progress of private flying in Britain and said there were more private pilot licences current in the United Kingdom, in proportion to the population, than in the United States—British Wireless Service.

KARACHI RIOT QUELLED BY FIRM ACTION

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A large gathering of Moslems demonstrated in sympathy with Abdul Quayam, when his body was removed to the burial ground.

After the burial, huge excited crowds of Moslems rushed to the grave, exhumed the body of Abdul Quayam and attempted to carry it in procession.

The police intervened, whereupon the crowd started to throw stones and other missiles.

The military was called out when persuasion failed to disperse the rioters.

Police officials says that up to the present, 19 are known to be dead and 69 wounded have been taken to the Government Civil Hospital, which is heavily guarded by police.

A later message stated that it was now understood that the total casualties exceed 200.

After the first military volley, a panic ensued, during which the police secured the murderer's body, which was re-interred. A military guard with fixed bayonets has been stationed at the grave.

SILVER SHIPMENT FROM LONDON

Due in Shanghai On March 25

The first shipment of silver purchased from London by Chinese bankers is due in Shanghai on March 25 and will be unloaded at the Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf.

SECOND RED DRIVE INTO S. SZECHUEN

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Towns in Northern Kweichow and Southern Szechuan such as Jenhuai, Tu-cheng, Chulwing and Chihshui are again in the hands of the Communists. However, they have given up Western Hunan as a rendezvous owing to the loss of Tayuan and Yangshun, which were recaptured by the Hunan provincial troops over the week-end.

According to an intelligence report, General Chiang Kai-shek will not visit Kwelyang, though press dispatches from Kwelyang stated that he would fly there from Chungking to-day.

Meanwhile, it is stated that the next chairman of the Kweichow Provincial Government is Mr. Li Chung-kung, former manager of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., and not General Chang Fa-kuei.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Is not this fact alone eloquent of the need for help?

In our case report for February the average income per head of 456 persons was \$2.10 and there were nine cases with no income at all.

The January figures were even more appalling—\$68 persons, average income per person \$1.82 and seventeen cases with no income.

We doubt, Sir, if there will be one of your readers able to imagine how life and what sort of life can be supported in Hong Kong in \$4 or \$3 or less than \$2 monthly per person in family.

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The present appeal is at once a tribute to our retiring Governor and an endeavour to lessen what should be regarded as a stigma on the fair fame of the Colony.

KOWLOON CITY ROBBERY CASE AT SESSIONS

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Tsang Hi said he lived with his younger brother, Tsang Tsai, in an un-numbered hut in Takuling Village at Kowloon City.

In the early hours of January 30, he was awakened by the sound of the opening of the street door and had just got out of bed when he was confronted by two masked men holding torches.

One of the men, holding a pistol said, "don't move or you will be killed. Lie down in the bed and cover yourself up."

"This is Ruin"

Witness did as he was told and after an interval of about five minutes heard the door of his room close. He lifted the quilt with which he had been covered with, and heard one of the men remark, "Let us run away, this is ruin."

Tsang Hi then heard the sound of police whistles, and immediately gave chase in company with his brother.

The accused twice eluded him but finally fell into a pond and was secured by other villagers.

Numerous articles, which were subsequently found to be missing were later retrieved near the pond and along the route of the chase.

Tsang Tsai gave corroborative evidence and the case in continuing.

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